

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, January 13, 2009 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
- C. NARA-B update - J P Thompson (if schedule permits)
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

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III. New Business

- A. Visitor's Center Bus maintenance expenses

MINUTES
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Attendees: Phil Kearney, David Chitwood, Roger Lawson, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Diane Odland, Freddi Hammerschlag, Jim Butcher, Essex Finney, Hank Becker, Joe Spence, Vernon Pursel, Allan Stoner, Dick Zimmerman, James Anderson

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
No guests

B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
There is no word on who is going to be the Acting Undersecretary. Normally, the Administrator of ARS does this. There might be a transition team employee.

Possibly there will be an ominous budget bill passed with all funds to be reinstated and funds for some of the salary off set (3.4% for BARC)

Infrastructure opportunities exist in the Obama stimulus bill being developed.

There is lots of interest in the EULA. BARC will not make money, but some underutilized buildings could get updated and rented out. This saves money on utilities, etc.

The development of the Strategic Plan is continuing. A document is developed and being critiqued so it can get into the hands of Drs. Knipling and Betschart. The plan tries to combine innovation goals with integration of different program goals, i.e., getting different commodity groups working together.

There will be a combined New SY training for BARC and the Northeast and Southern Areas. Considering a formal RL meeting.

FAR-B will help in new Congressional Budget Hearing

Senate Agricultural Committee to visit BARC on February 20, 2009. They are interested in Waste Utilization, Food Safety, Genetic Composition of crops and ??

This is a time of Great Challenge for ARS. BARC is the forerunner of things happening at other ARS facilities, e.g., Utilization Labs

Dr. Spence does not need to have FAR-B support for professional SY travel grants this coming year.

C. NARA-B update - J P Thompson (if schedule permits) Not available to attend

D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

This is a slow time of year. Developing a second program for the Maryland State Department.

Secretary of Agriculture came for a visit last month.

Chief Counsel for the Department wants to come to BARC. Dr. Matt Smith will talk with him

The Bus is in need of maintenance. Asking FAR-B to help with the cost (see New Business – FAR-B will pay up to \$500 for annual maintenance, but not for fixing AC, etc.)

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson

Accepted the last set sent on 1-13-09

B. Treasurer's Report – Dick Zimmerman

Treasury has funds, but not as much as before because of the lower stock market. Beginning to get membership dues in

See changes in the budget under new business

C. Alliance report – Jim Butcher

Not very active since John Peter is spending most of his time looking for a new position.

Jim Butcher will work with Joe Spence on developing FY 2010 Appropriation Testimony

D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney

Phil is getting the new application ready. Much of this is done online.

There might be some progress on getting direct deposit from CFC

E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
Nothing new

F. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
BARC/ARS participated in the NBC Healthfair last week. There were over 187K people in attendance. ARS had one of the only booths concerned with nutrition and had lots of visitors who knew about BARC.

BES science enrichment program. Things are moving forward. Still need more volunteers to work.

Talked a little about the Ag in the Classroom Bus . Diane knows the folks who run this program and will explore the possibilities of cooperating with them.

Talked about giving monetary awards to the leaders of BES sessions.

G. Membership - Al Stoner
Sent out more letters to Industrial partners.

RL letters went out last month and have received two renewals.

H. Grants and Awards – Darwin Murrell
Not Present

I. Publicity – Hank Becker
Need material from Joe Spence, Vern Pursel, and committee chairs for the News Letter. Need by the end of the month

J. BARC Centennial - Roger Lawson
The speakers committee will present Dr. Spence with a list of potential speakers. A mini-symposium composed of BARC SY's and some outsiders will follow each major speaker.

The committee envisions 5 different programs: Human Nutrition, Systematics and collections, Climate change, Animal Health and Plant Health.

The initial kickoff event could be concerned with historical scientific milestones of BARC

There will be a large BARC Field Day Event in 2010, but not in 2009

K. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood
Nothing more

III. New Business

A. Visitor's Center Bus maintenance expenses

After much discussion, a motion was made by Al Stoner to 'make a donation of up to \$500 for annual maintenance of the visitor center bus' the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

B. The budget had to be modified to incorporate \$500 for Visitor Bus maintenance and \$2000 for outreach activities. The funds will be taken from the travel funds that are not needed by the AO.

Minutes
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center

Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, February 10, 2009 - 12:00 NOON

Attendees: Essex Finney, Phil Kearney, Roger Lawson, David Chitwood, Dianne Odland, Freddi Hammerschlag, Jim Bujtcher, Hank Becker, John Peter Thompson, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Vernon Pursel, Tom Sexton, Dick Zimmerman, Allan Stoner, and James Anderson

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel

No visitors

B. Area Office update – Tom Sexton

AO has been working on the Stimulus Package, this amounts to about \$209 million to ARS. Most of the money coming to Beltsville will go to the Arboretum, not to BARC.

Highest priority at BARC are an additional \$25 million to do renovation of B-307. They currently have \$6.5 million. There are at least 6 other projects that need funding. Once 307 is renovated, Labs currently in B-306 will be moved as well as the Bee Laboratory. This will allow the closing of the Bee Laboratory facility as well as B-306.

The Bovine Genomics Laboratory got a Federal Award for innovation, but they did not receive the BARC award.

There is continual progress on moving out of under utilized building.

There is a great deal of planning on the 2010 Centennial of BARC.

New IRC's will be coming out shortly

Two Senate Staffers from Sen. Harkin's office are expected to visit on Feb. 20. It is expected that Rep Steny Hoyer and Senators Mikulski and Cardin will also come to visit in the near future.

C. NARA-B update - J P Thompson

John Peter clarified what was happening with the congressional visits. The Maryland delegation will occur sometime in the future. Would like to get a meeting with Sen. Mikulshi and FAR-B.

D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

Thanked FAR-B for agreeing to pay for the yearly bus maintenance. Jennifer was told to get this done and send the bill to Dr. Zimmerman, the Treasurer.

There are only two positions at the NVC. They are still meeting many groups and individuals, but can not give as many driving tours.

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson

Minutes of last meeting accepted

B. Treasurer's Report – Dick Zimmerman

There was income of \$1,174 with no bills. The Klurfeld had one expenditure of \$725.

C. Alliance report – Jim Butcher

Nothing more than above.

Roger Lawson spoke on what action he has taken by himself on contacting Congressional and local delegations to support BARC.

D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney

Has completed and submitted FAR-B's application for the CFC. CFC has acknowledged receipt of the application.

Trying to get checks sent to the Treasurer instead of to him.

E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag

Suggested having a FAR-B Friendship Day Party at her house the last Saturday in June (27th) when the day lilies are blooming. The cost would be in the range of \$10 to \$15 per person and be a pot luck-type of party. The purpose would be to have FAR-B members and spouse/friend get together and have a good time and raise a little money. While no motion was made, everyone thought it a good idea and she should start planning on this.

F. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland

The BES science enrichment program is proceeding.

Next year we are thinking about something different. With the centennial anniversary, SY's will really be tied up and will not be able to participate. Maybe we can bring in a Maryland Agriculture Educational Foundation Bus. The cost of each bus is \$1,800 per week. This includes the bus and a teacher. Possibly the school could help defray the costs or we could write a grant to cover the costs. More information will be available next month.

G. Membership - Al Stoner

Have a couple of new members and some renewals. Pay Pal is working for online registration.

H. Grants and Awards – Darwin Murrell

Not present

I. Publicity – Hank Becker

News Letter is out. Good Job Hank!

J. BARC Centennial - Roger Lawson

The committee is functioning. There will be a huge Field Day in 2010. Also, there will be a kickoff with a historical theme. They are trying to get a 'BIG NAME' speaker for this kickoff.

The committee recommended 6 programs, but Dr. Spence wants to cut this down to 4 programs with an outside speaker starting it off and then have other speakers for a half day mini-symposium.

K. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

Nothing more

III. New Business

NONE

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
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Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
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Tuesday, March 17, 2009 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
- C. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson
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III. New Business

- A.

Minutes
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, March 17, 2009 - 12:00 NOON

Attendees: Dave Chitwood, Kamal Chauhan, Dianne Odland, Roger Lawson, Essex Finney, Jim Butcher, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Vernon Pursel, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, Dick Zimmerman, James Anderson

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
Introduced Kamal Chauhan who is heading up the BES Science Enrichment project concerning chemistry and insects in this years program at BES.
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
 - Under secretary of Agriculture is still unknown
 - ARS is to receive \$140 in the Stimulus Package; BARC is to get \$21 million with \$6 million going for renovation of the Arboretum's Administration Bldg and the remainder going to upgrade the boilers and steam lines at BARC
 - There was no program money
 - There will be new money for honey bee research and salaries in the omnibus bill
 - The FY'10 budget will be released April 15
 - Centennial planning is on going – plans include:
 - Public Field Day
 - Up to 4 Symposia
 - **NEED FAR-B's help in getting corporate support for the Centennial**
- C. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene
 - ARS Hall of Fame will be moving to the Carver Center
 - Poster Day is April 15, 2009, FAR-B will pay for the tent, lunch for poster presenters, and awards for student interns.

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson
February minutes were approved
- B. Treasurer's Report – Dick Zimmerman

New funds coming into the account are for memberships (2,669), contributions (263), interest (224) and CFC contributions (507)

- C. Alliance report – Jim Butcher
John Peter is still seeking employment, not much done since last meeting

Roger Lawson reported on his private meeting with Sen. Cardin's staff

- D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney
Not present
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
Not present, recovering from knee replacement
- F. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
The BES Science Enrichment program is well on its way; there will be three programs of 20 minutes each. This will take place on April 28, 29, and 30 2009

Approved sending the BES Science Coordinator to a workshop sponsored by the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation. This is the first step in our plans to involve one of MAEF's mobile lab in upcoming outreach events at BES. The cost is \$200 per person,

- F. Membership - Al Stoner
Membership dues are coming in. Have only heard from one commercial establishment about membership.
- G. Grants and Awards – Darwin Murrell
Not present
- H. Publicity – Hank Becker
Not present
- I. BARC Centennial - Roger Lawson
Nothing new to report
- J. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood
Nothing more to report

III. New Business

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, APRIL 14 At NOON
Rm 238, Bld 003**

NOTE TIME CHANGE

Vernon's Copy

1. Jennifer is on 60 day detail with ARS Office of Technology Transfer as their Marketing and Information Specialist. Jay Green is acting in her behalf.

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Room 238 Conference Room
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, April 14, 2009 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - V Pursel
- B. Area Office update - Joe Spence
- C. NARA-B update - J P Thompson (if available)

Send Jim Anderson
Responses to Votes
For Expenditures

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson ✓
- B. Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman ✓
- C. Alliance report - Jim Butcher ✓
- D. Combined Federal Campaign - Phil Kearney ✓
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag ✓
- F. Community Outreach - Dianne Odland ✓
- G. Membership - Al Stoner >
- H. ~~Grants and Awards - Darwin Murrell~~
- I. Publicity - Hank Becker ✓
- J. BARC Centennial - Roger Lawson ✓
- K. Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood

Remove - Grant & Awards
Past Officers - Invite

17-19
August 16-19th

BES - 28-29-30 7:45-1:45

Grant Sigma Zi \$2,000
500
3,600

III. New Business

- A. Discuss plans for Annual Meeting

1,600
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Suggested Speakers.

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- ① 1. Dr. Katherine Smith, Acting Deputy Undersecretary for R E E May 12th
- ④ 2. Dr. Caird Rexroad, Associate Administrator
- 3. Congressman, Kratavil
- ② 4. Dean, Cheng-i Wei, U of Md.
- ③ 5. Ed Knipping

**Minutes of the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center Building 003,
Room 238 Conference Room
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, April 14, 2009 - 12:00 NOON**

Attendee's: Dick Zimmerman, Jim Butcher, Dave Chitwood, Hank Becker, Vernon Pursel, Dianne Odland, Allan Stoner, Phil Kearney, Darwin Murrell, Joe Spence, Essex Finney, and James Anderson

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel (No guests)
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence

There still is no Undersecretary for REE; The Presidents '10 budget will be released on May 5; the Bee Research Laboratory got about \$400,000 increase to study colony collapse, amounts to 50% of what ARS received, will get part of the salary increase.

New signage replacement has begun. BARC will pay for new signage for NAL. East Line drive will be finished shortly and will be opened for traffic again

Space consolidation is an ongoing process. Contractors are recommending that much of the research should be concentrated on BARC-W, but animal research on the East side should be consolidated in the 300 series of building because the infrastructure of heat, power, etc is already upgraded and these building should be the focus of future renovation. Programs should be moved from 200 to the 300 series. Bldg 580, now an APHIS facility, and the Secret Service Facility are tied into BARC's electrical and sewage treatment facility.

Two house staffers visited BARC this past week; Sasha Obama's class visited the Arboretum

The ARMP's process is being changed

- C. NARA-B update - J P Thompson (not available)

D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene (no report) Jennifer is detailed to OTA for 60 days. Jay Green is acting

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

Vernon announced that financial support for the following three activities were unanimously approved by email:

Beltsville Area Administrative Support Advisory Council;
20th Annual BARC Poster Day; and
Special Emphasis Program – Black History Month

- A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson- Corrected Minutes sent out on April 8, 2009 were approved.
- B. Treasurer's Report – Dick Zimmerman
Funds in stocks are increasing a little so we are in a little better shape than in past months. We currently have a little over \$72K available
- C. Alliance report – Jim Butcher
Not much is going on with the Alliance. John Peter has not been available; the Alliance needs to hold a Board meeting; someone on the Executive Board needs to step up to organize the meeting; Essex Finney and Jim Butcher will get together with John Peter about having a Board Meeting
- D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney
CFC paper work is all in; CFC is still sending checks to Phil instead of to the Treasure
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
Freddie is still recovering from knee replacement, she is still planning on the June 27, 2009 Friendship Day Fund Raiser at her home. Mark this date on your calendars.
- F. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
ARS is planning to have a booth at the American Chemical Society EXPO August 17-19, 2009. She is looking for volunteers to help man the booth. FAR-B already committed funds to support this activity (in the budget)

FAR-B applied to the national Sigma Xi for a thousand dollars to help sponsor the Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation Trailer for BES next fall. We got \$2000 plus a commitment for

\$500 from the local chapter. With this much money available, there was discussion about having a trailer for two consecutive weeks. Al Stoner was to look to see if this could be done.

F. Membership - Al Stoner

New memberships and renewals are coming in

G. Grants and Awards – Darwin Murrell

Darwin moved that the Grants and Awards Committee be abolished. Instead go after grants on an ad hoc basis. This was unanimously approved

H. Publicity – Hank Becker

Need stories by the end of May

I. BARC Centennial - Roger Lawson

No report

J. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

Nothing new that wasn't already reported by Dr. Spence

III. New Business

A. Discuss plans for Annual Meeting

Discussed speakers and recommended the following order:

Dr. K. Smith, Acting Undersecretary for REE

Dean Wei, University of Maryland

Dr. Knipling

Dr. Rexroad

It could be that the Annual Meeting could be on a different day if we could get Dr. Smith or Dr. Wei.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2009; there will be a BOD meeting at 10:00 A.M., followed by the talk at 11:00 A.M. and then lunch at noon.

Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Conference Room 135, Building 005
Beltsville, Maryland 20704
Thursday, May 14, 2009

10:00 a.m. - Call to Order –Vernon Pursel

- Secretary's Report, Jim Andersen
- Report from Treasurer, Dick Zimmerman

Reports from Committees: Only those with ** need report

- BARC Alliance Liaison - Jim Butcher **
- Membership Outreach - Al Stoner
- Combined Federal Campaign - Phil Kearney
- Community Outreach –Dianne Odland **
- Fund Raising- Freddi Hammerschlag **
- Legislative Outreach – Jim Butcher
- Publicity - Hank Becker
- BARC Centennial Committee – Roger Lawson
- Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood

New Business

- Visitors Center Bus expense and Summer Intern – Jay Green

Adjourn- 10:50 a.m. and move to Room 21 for Annual Meeting.

MINUTES OF
FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE
BOD MEETING AT THE

Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

Conference Room 135, Building 005

Beltsville, Maryland 20704

Thursday, May 14, 2009

10:00 a.m. - Call to Order –Vernon Pursel

- **Secretary's Minutes:** Approved latest updated minutes for April
- **Report from Treasurer, Dick Zimmerman**
Presented status of funds for the year by month
Received \$2,000 grant from Sigm Xi for the BES Science Enrichment program for next year

Reports from Committees: Only those with ** need report .

Since the last meeting, the BOD approved by email, supporting the half time salary (about \$2,000) of a summer intern for the ARS Visitor Center. Also approved funding for Asian American Heritage Month Program

- **BARC Alliance Liaison - Jim Butcher ****
John Peter Thompson told what he was doing. He is trying to be appointed a member of the BRAC committee to represent BARC's interests by Lt. Gov. Brown.
- **Membership Outreach - Al Stoner**
- **Combined Federal Campaign - Phil Kearney**
- **Community Outreach –Dianne Odland ****
FAR-B had a very successful BES Science Enrichment Program this year. It was written up in the Gazette and featured our own, Alan Stoner. We have received a \$2,000 grant from Sigma Xi for next years program. This money along with some from the School and from FAR-B will support a two week program with the Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation?? instead of our 'normal' Science Enrichment program.
- **Fund Raising- Freddi Hammerschlag ****
Freddi is still hosting the June 27th FAR-B Friendship Day Fund Raiser. Cost is \$10 per person with Children free. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDERS.
- **Legislative Outreach – Jim Butcher**
- **Publicity - Hank Becker**
- **BARC Centennial Committee – Roger Lawson**

Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood

New Business

Visitors Center Bus expense and Summer Intern – Jay Green (We didn't have time for this, so met after the annual meeting. Decided to get more information concerning future of the VC before committing more money for the bus. There was a general feeling we should not spend money for the bus???)

Adjourn- 10:50 a.m. and move to Room 21 for Annual Meeting.

Draft of the Minutes of the 2009 FAR-B Annual Meeting

President Pursel called the meeting to order. All past presidents in attendance were introduced and those not present were recognized.

Dr. Katherine R. Smith, Acting Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics was introduced. Dr. Smith is the Administrator of the Economic Research Service, USDA. Dr. Smith talk, Entitled "Future of Research at the USDA" was presented to about 60 participants. Dr. Smith stated she had worked at BARC as a student while attending the UM. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the UM.

Dr. Smith was very complementary about the science that ARS does. She praised ARS scientists. She indicated there will be new money for Agriculture Research, but more in the form of grants.

After Dr. Smith's presentation, Dr. Sexton gave a brief update on BARC, Dr. Lawson talked about the bicentennial celebration coming up next year.

President Pursel gave a report covering the things FAR-B has accomplished this past year.

After Dr. Pursel we adjourned and had a light lunch with guests, BARC employees and FAR-B members.

Subject: Draft Agenda for June 9 FAR-B Board Meeting

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Here is a draft of the June FAR-B Board Meeting. Let me know if you want to add/change anything to the agenda. As you will note, Glenn Welch and Susan Barnett have asked to speak to us about their activities at BARC. Glenn is a member of FAR-B and Chair of BARC's Ecology Committee, and Susan is President of BCWWG.

Vernon

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Tuesday, June 9, 2009 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
- D. BARC Ecology Committee – Glenn Welch
- E. Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group - Susan Barnett
- F. NARA-B – John Peter Thompson (if available)
- G. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

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I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

A. Review of Annual Meeting – Any changes for next year?

Minutes
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Beltsville, Maryland
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Attendee's: Dianne Odland, Essex Finney, Roger Lawson, Phil Kearney, Allan Stoner, Lew Smith, Vern Pursel, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Tom Sexton, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, Freddi Hammerschlag, Glenn Welch, Susan Barnett, and James Anderson

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel

B. Area Office update – Tom Sexton

The new Undersecretary of Agriculture visited BARC on Friday, June 5, 2009 to learn about research concerned with Human Nutrition and Genomics. The undersecretary wants to schedule another visit to learn about other high impact research areas.

IRC's for FY'10 are lower than they were for '09

New Insect Quarantine will be in operation this year

Several building were added to new demolition list

Congressman Hoyer will visit BARC on July 2, 2009 to sign a new MOU with the University of Maryland to cover the broad range of research both Institutions are involved in

A new MOU will be signed with UMBC. Last year there were 5 Meyerhoff Scholarship interns working at BARC.

The Enhanced Use Lease Authority is still held up in legal activities

The stimulus dollars have not been sent to BARC yet. ARS is expected to receive \$176 million. BARC is expected to receive \$10 million and USNA should get \$9 million. BARC's fund will be used to repair/replace steam lines. Work will begin on BARC-E. The USNA funds will be used to repair the USNA Administration building.

The Facility consolidation plan is completed. Buildings 010 and 011 (head houses for range 1 and 2) are very energy inefficient and need major renovation if they are to be used. (While not discussed, these buildings are considered historical and changing windows and other things are going to be difficult. We found this out after the tornado of September 2001)

The new strategic research plan is almost completed and almost ready to share with RL's. There was some discussion on who the targeted audience is.

D. BARC Ecology Committee – Glenn Welch

Gave a presentation on what this committee is doing, particularly with the Beaver dam Creek watershed. There are 4 different small watersheds on BARC property, i.e., Beaver dam, Indian, little paint branch, and paint branch creeks

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E. Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group - Susan Barnett
Gave a presentation on the organization and what they try to do. The web site is
www.beaverdamcreek.org

F. NARA-B – Jim Butcher

John Peter is on an interview. We all hope he was successful

G. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

Jennifer is back early from her detail. Rosanna Taylor will be back in August. An intern, Kim Lewis, was hired for the summer. Jennifer thanked FAR-B for supplying part of the salary for the intern. Since BARC removed the security person who sat at the desk in the visitor center, one of the three employees needs to be at the desk to answer the phone and greet visitors.

The bus is in the shop

Jennifer is busy working on developing a Centennial Tour

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson Minutes approved by email

B. Alliance report – Jim Butcher

There will be an Alliance meeting June 16, 2009 at the Prince Georges Development Corp. Vern Pursel, Roger Lawson, Jim Anderson, Darwin Murrell and Essex Finney were invited to attend.

Gail Buchanan, past Undersecretary of Agriculture is in the process of writing a paper on 'BARC as a National Treasure'. Dr. Buchanan lives in South Georgia and can not attend the June 16 meeting because of a limited travel budget

Roger Lawson pointed out that of the close to 1000 employees that work at BARC, 20% of BARC employee's live in Rep Edwards district; 20% in Rep. Hoyer district; 20% in Rep. Cummings district; and the rest in various other districts, including Rep Kratovil who is on the Agricultural Appropriations Committee

C. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney

Nothing to report

D. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag

The program is still on for Saturday, June 27, 2009. Reservations are slowly coming in. Freddi plans to have finger foods (cheese, cookies, soft drinks, beer, wine, etc.) Depends on how many sign up. This is to be a fund raiser to help with the Centennial Celebration, so we don't want to spend a lot of money on refreshments

E. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland

The BES Science Enrichment Program Awards Ceremony was held. A committee rated the posters the students prepared on what they learned from the Program. There were 36 winners, 6 from each grade, with one winner per grade. Dr. Joe Spence attended and presented each student with a certificate

Dianne talked with Jean Muller, Maryland Agricultural Education Fund, about the trailers that were ordered for next falls event. Trailers were ordered for the weeks of September 28 and October 5, 2009. Each trailer costs \$1,800. Sigma Xi has awarded FAR-B \$2000, the local Chapter will donate \$500 but

this has not been requested yet, BES will give \$500 and FAR-B needs to contribute \$600. In addition, FAR-B may need additional funds to present awards if we decide to do that.

Al Stoner moved that FAR-B provide \$600 for the BES to support the Science Enrichment Program next fall. This was seconded by Essex Finney. The motion was approved unanimously.

Leslie Lowe, Vice Principal at BES, will coordinate inviting administrators from other local schools to see if they would be interested in such an activity.

F. Membership - Al Stoner There were a few new associate members, including a couple of RL's. There are very few members from the BHNRC. Someone suggested we try to get Jim Smith back on the Board.

G. Publicity – Hank Becker

News letter is being published.

H. BARC Centennial - Roger Lawson

Roger announced that there will be no scientific mini-symposia during the Centennial. Instead, there will be a one day event concerning 'Growing a Family Tree'. The Board found this very strange. The Board asked Vern to talk with Dr. Spence to find out the reasoning for dropping the mini-symposia Centennial Program

Roger will no longer work on the Centennial committee

I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood (Nothing more)

III. New Business

A. Review of Annual Meeting – Any changes for next year?
Nothing discussed

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, September 8, 2009 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
- C. NARA-B – John Peter Thompson (if available)
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurer's report – Dick
- C. Alliance report – Jim Butcher
- D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney
- E. Fund Raising - *Freddi is in Colorado*
- F. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
- G. Membership - Al Stoner
- H. Publicity – Hank Becker
- I. BARC Centennial - *Roger is in Hawaii*
- J. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

Minutes

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Attendee's: Lew Smith, Allan Stoner, Dick Zimmerman, Dawin Murrell, Vernon Pursel, John Peter Thompson, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, Jim Smith, Essex Finney, Joe Spence, Phil Kearney, David Chitwood, Dianne Odland, and Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel Welcomed Jim Smith back to the FAR-B BOD's
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
 - IRC costs were reduced by 3%, in part by consolidation
 - ARS has lost a few SES Slots to the Under Secretary's office
 - Dr. Max Paape will be inducted into the ARS Hall of Fame
 - Dr. Bob Davis is back part time
 - About 20 Congressional Staffers and members of the Under Secretary's Office spent about 4 hours at BARC
 - Developing a new data base for all employees, volunteers and students
- C. NARA-B – John Peter Thompson
 - The Alliance lost 2 members, but added Ms. Melton (from TEDCO, Walt Townsend (B/W Chamber of Comm.) and William Ship, an attorney from Calverton.
 - The Alliance will meet on September 16, 2009
 - John Peter will try to get the Maryland Secretary of Agriculture to visit BARC in the near future
 - Maryland House of Delegates, Environmental Matters Committee, will visit. The Farm Bureau and TEDCO will provide lunch and bus. FAR-B will need to network with politicians, but the date is not set yet.
 - What should the Alliance be asking for from Commodity groups
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

The Center needs volunteer help at the desk every day from 10- to 3.

Had 20 Congressional staffers visit

Some FAR-B funds were taken from the jar, need to have a more secure deposit box.

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
Minutes of last meeting approved by email
- B. Treasurer's report – Dick Zimmerman
CD and money market rates are very low. The Treasurer should try and put the money in the best rates possible
- C. Alliance report – Jim Butcher (see comments from JPT)
- D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney
Checks still come to Phil
- E. Fund Raising - *Freddi is in Colorado, no report*
- F. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
BARC Centennial is being worked on, BARC field day is on June 5.
The ACS meeting went well, where FAR-B paid for a booth. The BES science enrichment program is coming up the last week of September and the first week of October and will be concerned with Food, Fiber and You. This put on by the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation. FAR-B received a grant from Sigma Xi to sponsor this program in lieu of BARC and FAR-B scientists putting on a program
- G. Membership - Al Stoner, Al asked for Joe Spence to send him a list of new retiree's
- H. Publicity – Hank Becker nothing
- I. BARC Centennial - *Roger is in Hawaii nothing*
- J. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood nothing more

III. New Business

Next meeting: October 13, 2009

Adjourned at 2:40 pm

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting - Tuesday, October 13, 2009 - 12:00 NOON

Attendee's: Lew Smith, Allan Stoner, Vernon Pursel, John Peter Thompson, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, Jim Smith, Essex Finney, Joe Spence, Phil Kearney, David Chitwood, and Dianne Odland.

- A. Call to Order – Vernon Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence

Robert Beachy named to head up NIFA (formerly of the Danforth Plant Science Center in St. Louis) and Molly Jahn has been selected as Deputy Under Secretary of REE. Dr. Shah has instituted a monthly phone call to ARS Area Directors/headquarters leadership. John McMurtry's appointment as Director of ANRI has been approved. BARC Research Leaders will meet in West Virginia on November 8, 9, 10 for retreat and Dr. Shah will be keynote speaker at the event. ARMPS' final now with only one of 30 labs below \$25,000 all-other funding level. Senate-House Conference provides increased funding for cranberry and colony-collapse research at BARC, also some funding for salary increases.

- C. NARA-B – John Peter Thompson

The Alliance met last week and added Ms. Melton (from TEDCO), Walt Townsend (B/W Chamber of Comm.) and William Ship, an attorney from Calverton to the group.

The new directions for research that Dr. Shah is pushing makes JP wonder about where that leaves the Alliance relative to potential activities with commodity groups.

- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

The Center needs volunteer help at the desk every day from 10-to 3 on October 15, 16, 19, 26, 29, Nov 4 & 9.

Major visitor groups at NVC during the month were:

Oct 1 visit of USDA Ag Marketing Service – Deputy Administrator and Staff.

Oct 2 visit of American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering.

Oct. 7 visit of Ms. Vilsack and Staff for which FAR-B provided lunch.

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson had sent minutes out by email.
- B. Treasurer's report – Dick Zimmerman had prepared report which Vern Pursel presented to board.

The 60 month CD at Bank of America matured and proceeds were deposited in SunTRust Acct. Subsequently, one 24 mo. CD @ 2.47% and one 48 mo CD @ 2.67 were opened with Tennessee Commerce Bank in amounts of \$15,000 each.

Share price of DPL stock increased from \$24.77 to \$26.10.

C. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland

The Maryland Ag Education Foundation's Mobile Science Laboratory was located at the Beltsville Academy from Tuesday September 29 through October 9th with instructor Wayne Buckingham presenting once to each Kindergarten class and twice to each grades 1 – 5 classes. Al Stoner, Jim Anderson, Jim Smith, Jim Butcher, Dianne Odland and Vern Pursel served as helpers during the presentations. Spring Hill Lake Elementary and Laurel Elementary schools visited the Mobile Science Lab during the first week and were quite impressed. Jim Butcher is preparing an article about the program that will be published in the Beltsville Newspaper. The students will once again prepare posters, which will be judged and the best ones will be provided to FAR-B to select prize winners that will receive awards at an awards ceremony in November.

The board discussed the possibility of seeking a grant from PG County to carry out finance the Mobile Science Labs in 2010 and possibly expand to other nearby schools, such as Greenbelt, Vansville, Spring Hill Lake Elementary schools.

D. Alliance report – Jim Butcher – nothing beyond that presented by JP.

E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag - Brief discussion of holding the FAR-B –BARC Friendship Day event again next summer. Poinsettia order forms were handed out to the board and have already been sent out by email to BARC all and forms sent to all FAR-B members and previous customers by email and by mail.

F. Membership - Al Stoner – Has received retirement notifications from Kathy McCue.

G. Publicity – Hank Becker – Nothing to report.

H. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney – CFC check was received and passed on to Vern for Dick to deposit. Discussed preparing letter to be sent to BARC scientists regarding this year's CFC pledges. Phil and Vern will prepare a draft and circulate to the board before it is sent out.

G. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood – Asked for 30 copies of FAR-B brochure to hand out at the upcoming RL retreat.

III. New Business

A. Formal request from David Prevar for financial assistance to provide refreshments at Climate in the Corridor Workshop to be held at the Patuxent Wildlife Visitors Center on October 26 was presented and discussed. Lew Smith made a motion that FAR-B decline to fund this request. The motion was seconded by Hank Becker and the board voted to decline funding. Pursel was to immediately inform Prevar of the decision.

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
- C. NARA-B – John Peter Thompson (if available)
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- 1. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
- 2. Treasurers report – Dick Zimmerman
- 3. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
- 4. Alliance report – Jim Butcher
- 5. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- 6. Membership - Al Stoner
- 7. Publicity – Hank Becker
- 8. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney
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III. New Business

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- A. Call to Order – Vernon Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence

There was a BARC Leadership meeting held November 8 to 10 at Sheperdstown, WV and included the RL's. Dr Shah spoke, but gave no indication he was taking a new position outside of USDA.

The draft of the BARC strategic plan was given to the RL's and the SY's will have access to this for comment before it is made publicly available. Dr. Knipling likes the plan.

All budget cuts were restored except \$110K to the Arboretum. These funds were transferred to the Arboretum from a different Area and therefore were not restored. Dr. Elias, Director of the Arboretum, is retiring at the end of December and will move to California. It is not known what will happen to this SES position. The AO and the UM are trying to revitalize cooperation, particularly with the Dairy at both institutions. Dr. McMurtry was finally approved to be the ANRI Director. There are at least 3 RL vacancies in ANRI.

- C. NARA-B – John Peter Thompson

Met with the Prince George's County Park and Planning Commission to work on the Sector Plan. JP is always amazed on how well kept a secret BARC is to PG County officials. JP is doing a great job of 'enlightening' these officials.

- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

Christie Vilsack sent a thank you note to FAR-B for providing lunch to her group. There were 118 high level (Area Office or higher) programs so far this year. Of these, there were about 40 Air Drops (CAN NOT REJECT) programs that can come up at the last minute. These included the visit by Secretaries of Agriculture from Egypt and El Salvador. The Prince Georges Planning Commission was meeting today.

Rosannah Taylor is back, but the VC still needs more volunteers to man the phone and desk. Vern Pursel comes in on Tuesday's and Lew Smith comes in on Wednesday's starting January. Need help on the other days. The VC has had over 5,000 visitors so far this year.

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson had sent corrected minutes out by

email.

B. Treasurer's report – Dick Zimmerman

The treasury has \$7,076.11 in the checking account; \$78,432.76 in the Money Market Account; and \$48,548.35 in 3 different CD's.

Share price of DPL stock decreased from \$26.10 to \$25.34 for a total of \$10,900.96.

The Klurfeld Research Fund still has \$72,312.25 with no activity this past month.

The SELFfund had not received any donations this year until one came in October. FAR-B keeps this fund for SELF and for this we receive a percentage from the donations. Mike Pogue is now in charge of SELF, but he did not send out any notice to SELF supporters about contributing this year. He has not been responsive to reports he has been sent nor to questions that he has been asked regarding future plans and needs of SELF. FAR-B needs to re-evaluate its relationship to SELF if no new funds are going to be generated.

C. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland

The committee evaluated the top 5 posters from each class and chose a winner for each grade, just prior to the FAR-B meeting. There will be an Awards Ceremony on November 30, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the Schools Library.

D. Alliance report – Jim Butcher – nothing beyond that presented by JP Thompson.

E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag - There were 89 Poinsettia's sold. Vern and Hank will help with distribution.

F. Membership - Al Stoner – nothing to report

G. Publicity – Hank Becker – Nothing to report.

H. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney – Got a check for \$353. Also, a check was sent to the P.O. Box for a few dollars. We will see if the checks will now go to the P.O. Box or to Phil.

G. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood – The retreat was an overall success. It was good to be away from BARC.

III. New Business **Next meeting to be held on Tuesday December 8, 2009.**

There will be potluck luncheon. After the meeting, we will help decorate the VC.

Minutes - December 8, 2009 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Freddi Hammerschlag, Phil Kearney, Darwin Murrell, Dianne Odland, Vernon Pursel, Tom Sexton, Jim Smith, Lewis Smith, Allan Stoner, Jennifer Woodward-Green, Dick Zimmerman

Tom Sexton representing the Area Office reported that the FY 2010 budgets for all but one Laboratory included more than \$25,000 discretionary funds per SY. BARC was able to reduce it's IRC by approximately 2% for 2010. In 2010, there will be some demolition at BARC-W. Modernization of the National Arboretum administration building will start soon and is expected to take approximately two years. During this period all building occupants and activities will be moved to trailers. Renovation of BARC building 306 will also start soon and take approximately two years. Completion of the 306 project will trigger numerous moves of BARC personnel and programs.

Jennifer Woodward-Greene reported that the National Visitor's Center had been relatively quiet during November.

Dick Zimmerman distributed and discussed the monthly treasurer's report. In November FAR-B's income exceeded expenses. Dick expressed his continuing concern about the inactivity in the Systematic Entomology Lab Fund (SELF) and the apparent lack of interest of SEL members in it. Subsequent discussion included a suggestion that FAR-B send out requests for research proposals to be funded by the Fund; a look at FAR-B's agreement with the Laboratory to manage the funds and possibly rewriting it; and discussions with Alma Solis, the current Research Leader, and Mike Schauff, former Research Leader, to determine their thoughts.

Dianne Odland reported that the awards ceremony for the recent FAR-B sponsored science enrichment program at the Beltsville Academy went well. She also indicated that all of the teacher's evaluations of the 2009 program were excellent. A meeting is planned with the school administration for January 2010 to discuss the 2009 program, a possible program for the school's 6th and 7th graders in the Spring of 2010, and interest in a program for the 2010-11 school year.

Jim Butcher reported that John Peter Thompson was traveling and that the NARA-B had been rather inactive during November. He did indicate that John Peter had been in contact with Joe Spence about the release of the BARC Master Plan.

Freddi Hamerschlag reported that FAR-B would net about \$600 from the sale of poinsettias to be picked up December 15.

Hank Becker reminded the Board that he would be preparing the next FAR-B newsletter in January and asked that everyone think about information to include.

Phil Kearney indicated that the application for FAR-B's participation in the 2011 Combined Federal Campaign is due by the end of January.

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
- C. Family Science Saturday – Scott Hangey and/or Martin Tillett
- D. NARA-B – John Peter Thompson (if available)
- E. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- 1. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
- 2. Treasurers report and 2010 Budget - Dick Zimmerman
- 3. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
- 4. Alliance report – Jim Butcher
- 5. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- 6. Membership - Al Stoner
- 7. Publicity – Hank Becker
- 8. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney
- 9. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

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I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
Introduced Martin Tillett from H.B. Owens Science Center
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
 - Dr. Molly Jahn will visit next week.
 - Dr. Debra Brennen will be the new AD for the Southern Region, replacing Darrell Cole.
 - OTT was reorganized and will be called Partnership Office with Rick Brenner heading it. This will consist of Technology Transfer with Rob Griesbach heading it; Grant pre-award office, open; and Post Grant Award with Sherry Carole heading it.
 - Ramon Jordan is the Acting Director of the Arboretum
 - 100th Anniversary
 - 1. Tree Planting- Invited Michelle Obama
 - 2. Public Field Day – Saturday, June 5, 2010
 - 3. One day Symposium headed by Dr. Robert Davis
- C. Family Science Saturday –Martin Tillett
The H.B. Owens Science Center of Prince Georges Public School System holds several Family Science Days during the course of the school year. The one in February will be concerned with Physics, the one in April will be associated with Earth Day and be Ecologically focused. They are looking for support, both for volunteers and financial. John Peter Thompson referred Mr. Tillett to FAR-B. They are interested in getting the Mobile Science Laboratory for the one day. FAR-B gave them the names on who to contact. FAR-B would be interested in helping get the Lab to them next year. The new program of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) was introduced. Mr. Tillett will get back to Vernon Pursel once information is received about the Mobile Lab.
- D. NARA-B – John Peter Thompson (not available)
- E. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene
The VC has been very busy with programs this year. Rosannah Taylor is on assignment. The VC is open to the public on T, W, and Th. Closed on M and F to the public. **The VC needs more volunteers.** Currently, V. Pursel comes in on Tuesdays and Lew Smith comes in on Thursdays. Richard Zimmerman volunteered to volunteer on January 22.

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

1. Secretary's report – Allan Stoner – Minutes of December meeting approved.
2. Treasurers report and 2010 Budget - Dick Zimmerman
 - FAR-B ended the year in pretty good shape. We spent (\$14,459) a little over 50% of what was budgeted (28,350). Our income was lower than budgeted, primarily because there were not Workshops.
 - A 2010 budget was presented which was about \$8,000 less than the 2009 budget.
 - There is concern about the inactivity of SELF and inability to establish contact with the current chair of SELF. Vern Pursel is following up with Alma Solis to resolve the current issues.

3. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland

The Beltsville Academy, BES, needs volunteers for their Mind Core program on Tuesday, February 9, 2010. For more information email Leslie.Lowe@pgcps.org or call 301-572-0630 w/ the following information:

Your full name

Your phone numbers & e-mail address

Your choice of time block that you can volunteer (between 8:45AM and 2:30PM).

- Meeting at BA on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 with Leslie Lowe concerning 6th and 7th graders, next years Science Mobile Lab and H.B. Owen School (Odland, Butcher, Stoner and Anderson)
3. Alliance report – Jim Butcher Not much going on.
 4. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
 - 2nd Annual FAR-B/BARC Friendship Day (April 17 – daffodils - Too early?; May 15 - iris; or July 17 – late day lilies
 - Vern Pursel will contact Joe Spence and get his input.
 5. Membership - Al Stoner Not much
 6. Publicity – Hank Becker Need stories by January 28th, 2010
 7. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney Got the CFC application submitted. Hopefully got the checks transferred to some other address.
 8. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood - Nothing to add

New Business

Science Fairs

- **Howard County-February 19**
- **Montgomery County - March 20**
- **Prince Georges County - March 27**

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
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Tuesday, February 16, 2010 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update –Tom Sexton/Joe Spence
- C. Plans for Garden at NVC – Lewis Ziska
- D. NARA-B update - J P Thompson

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
- D. Alliance report – Jim Butcher
- E. Fund Raising - *Freddi Hammerschlag – In Arizona*
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

New Business

- 1. Planning for Annual Meeting

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE							
2	Agricultural Research Service						
3	Impacts by State/Location in Beltsville Area						
4	FY 2011 Budget						
5							
6			Proposed			Gross	NTL
7	Project	Increases	Earmarks	Base Term	Total	Total	
8							
9	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, USNA						
10	Medicinal and Bioactive Crops	0	-\$111,000	0	-\$111,000	-\$99,900	
11	TOTAL DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	0	-111,000	0	-111,000	-99,900	
12	MARYLAND, BELTSVILLE						
13	Animal Breeding and Protection	\$1,500,000	0	0	1,500,000	1,350,000	
14	Biomedical Materials in Plants	0	-1,700,000	0	-1,700,000	-1,530,000	
15	Bioremediation Research	0	-111,000	0	-111,000	-99,900	
16	Colony Collapse Disorder of Honey Bees	500,000	0	0	500,000	450,000	
17	Crop Breeding and Protection	1,250,000	0	0	1,250,000	1,125,000	
18	Food Safety	1,500,000	0	0	1,500,000	1,350,000	
19	Foundry Sand By-Products Utilization	0	-638,000	0	-638,000	-574,200	
20	Global Climate Change	800,000	0	0	800,000	720,000	
21	Human Nutrition	5,400,000	0	0	5,400,000	4,860,000	
22	Local Food Systems	500,000	0	0	500,000	450,000	
23	Plant, Animal, and Microbial Collections	1,250,000	0	0	1,250,000	1,125,000	
24	Potato Diseases	0	-61,000	0	-61,000	-54,900	
25	Poultry Diseases	0	-408,000	0	-408,000	-367,200	
26	Reduce World Hunger	300,000	0	0	300,000	270,000	
27	SUBTOTAL BELTSVILLE	13,000,000	-2,918,000	0	10,082,000	9,073,800	
28	TOTAL MARYLAND	13,000,000	-2,918,000	0	10,082,000	9,073,800	
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30	TOTAL	13,000,000	-3,029,000	0	9,971,000	8,973,900	

Net to be added

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Timeline for Teaching Garden.
STEO sub-committee.
Lewis H. Ziska

January

Site location established. Exhibits determined. Eight final exhibits are as follows (Remember if your exhibit is not here, it will be here in the future):

1. Work area, with table, soil bins, seeds (Courier, Woodward, Ziska)
2. BARC impatiens, (Ramon Jordan).
3. Urban Container Garden (Deb Fravel).
4. Native Crops / Breeding (Talo Pastor-Corrales).
5. Carrots / Nutrition (Allison Yates)
6. Mini-Peppers (John Stommel)
7. Invasive weeds / Wanted Posters (Ziska)
8. "Birds and the Bees" or Sex in the garden (fruit trees, ornamentals) / Male Female Flowers (Deb Fravel)

Contacted all exhibitors.

Contacted Victor Ponte regarding ground work-up; contacted Chizo Irechukwu to cost out construction of sidewalk, landscaping, etc.

Met with Ted Courier for farm crew support in fencing, sidewalk materials, etc.

Met with FAR-B and am scheduled to speak for February meeting.

Met with Phyllis Martin regarding participation.

Met with Kathy Horan and Kaifa Anderson-Hall to coordinate efforts with national Arboretum's youth garden.

February

Contact Lisa Baldus.

Mid-February, weather dependent. Break ground, and level garden, stake out exhibits.

Follow-up on Exhibitors for signage.

Speak to FAR-B regarding financial support for signage and communication out-reach.

Work with grounds and farm crew for sidewalk construction, wheelchair access, .

March

Continue Exhibit prep.

Installation of signs / posters. Work with exhibitors to get materials.

April

April 15, tentative opening.

A sincere "shout-out" to STEO committee and Jennifer Woodward.

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PARKING

Carol Pearson

POSSIBLE EXHIBITS

- NATIVE CROPS
- FIBER
- NUTRITION / VEGETABLE
- BREEDING
- HERBS / MEDICINES
- URBAN GARDENS
- FLOWERS
- SOIL NUTRIENTS
- WEEDS / PESTS
- COMPOST (MULCH)
- BIOFUELS
- ORGANIC
- ROLE OF WATER
- TURF OF AG

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INVASIVES WILDED CROPS EXHIBIT 7	SEX IN THE GARDEN (Fruit trees, ♂, & flowers) EXHIBIT 8 (BE FRAVEL)
CROPS NUTRITION (COMPOST IS NON-CROPS) EXHIBIT 5 (ALL VILLYERS)	MINI PEPPERS CROPS EXHIBIT 6 (STUNNED ROB)
URBAN GARDENS CONTAINERS (Rome tomatoes) EXHIBIT 3 (FRAVEL)	BREEDING NATIVE CROPS (POTATOES - CROPS) EXHIBIT 4
BARC (IMPORTERS) EXHIBIT 1 (RANNO JORDAN)	SOIL BIOS, POTS, PRODUCTS STUDENT WORK TREE. (COWK?) EXHIBIT 2

WEATHER STATION

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10' →

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LOG
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POWDER MILK ROAD

WISA BANDS

The Board met on a beautiful spring day at the VC, with their spring bulbs beginning to bloom.

Attendee's: Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Freddi Hammerschlag, Darwin Murrell, Dianne Odland, Jim Smith, Allan Stoner, Dick Zimmerman plus guests Joe Spence and Jennifer Woodward-Greene.

Here is the Report in a nutshell:

1. AD Joe Spence reported:

- a. Sec Agriculture and Congr. Hoyer scheduled to visit BARC soon.
- b. Cathy Wotecki ^{now named} new Undersecretary
- c. President's FY 11 Budget includes new money for BARC, especially in nutrition and in genomics
- d. BARC Field Day scheduled for June 5; Michelle Obama invited.
- e. Staff move from 011A to Bld 10A underway
- f. Garden demonstration plots (Coordinated by Lew Ziska) will be located between buildings 006 and 007
- g. The Visitor's Center is now closed to all drop by visitors, but will still be available for all meetings and tours scheduled through the Information staff

2. Treasurer's Report (Dick Zimmerman): Notified by FDIC that a "Waterfield Bank" has closed its doors, but that FAR-B's money is safe! However, Dick is not sure this is the same Waterfield Bank we are involved in, and will check into this.

3. Outreach Committee: Diane Odland briefed us on the plans for the Science Bus at Beltsville Elementary School and raised the question whether FAR-B was willing to commit to supporting the activity in an arrangement with the School, and the School's PTA. The Board unanimously approved continuing FAR-B's commitment.

4. NARA/FAR-B Congressional Testimony: Jim Butcher reviewed the latest draft with the Board, and some suggestions for tweaking the wording was taken; Jim will make the final decisions and the testimony document, and submit it with Vern's signature on March 19.

5. Membership Committee: Report by Alan Stoner on current status--membership relatively stable, but we need to find a way to make BARC employees more aware.

6. Fund Raising activities: Freddi Hammerschlag reported that July 17 has been selected for this year's Friendship Day at her garden. The success of this past year's Poinsettia Sale was such that FAR-B will want to continue it next fall.

7. New Business:

- a. Discussed Phil Kearny's resignation from the Board, and that Vern is planning recognition of Phil at an appropriate time.
- b. Discussed the suggestions floated over the past few weeks on an invited speaker for the FAR-B Annual meeting. The Board supports Vern's and Joe's recommendation for Molly Kretsch.

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update –Joe Spence
- C. Article about BARC – Stephanie Yao & Dick Zimmerman —
- D. NARA-B update - J P Thompson (if available)
- E. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
- D. Alliance report – Jim Butcher
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

New Business

- 1. Planning for Annual Meeting
- 2. Planning for BARC Field Day

~~(Draft of)~~ **Minutes of the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 - 12:00 NOON

Attendees: Allan Stoner, Lew Smith, Essex Finney, Freddi Hammerschlag, Richard Zimmerman, Hank Becker, Dianne Odland, Jim Butcher, Tom Sexton, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Vernon Pursel, David Chitwood, James Anderson

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update –Tom Sexton
 - Congressman Hoyer, Secretary Vilsack and Undersecretary Jahn visited BARC. They visited the Human Nutrition Center, and Dr. Reddy's Climate Change Laboratory, held an all hands meeting in the Auditorium and then had lunch at NAL. It was a very good day for BARC.
 - Renovations to the clock tower should be completed by June 5, Field Day.
 - Renovation of B-306 will cost about \$20 million. Renovating B-306 will allow subsequent moves so that the Bee Laboratory can move to the 3rd floor, the EM facility will move to B-012. These two moves will allow the current building housing these Laboratories to be closed. If additional money becomes available, the programs in B-200 could be moved to B-307.
 - The research units remaining in B-011A, the Nematology Laboratory and the Mycology and Microbiology Laboratory will be moving to B-006 and B-0010A so that B-011a can be closed.
 - The utilities may have about \$1.5 million excess that will be returned to the Laboratories, these funds are based on space charges
 - Ed Daugherty, former RL of the former Insect Biocontrol Laboratory, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
 - FONA would like to move the Arboretum out of ARS. Maybe move the research to Plant Sciences Institute.
 - Student discovery Garden, headed by Lew Ziska, will be located between Buildings 006 and 007
 - The hiring of SY's seems to have stabilized
 - There are 31 or 32 Management Units at BARC.
 - The Food Safety Laboratory headed by Dr. Dan Shelton, has the most diverse research mandate in ARS, both meat and plant research
- C. Article about BARC – Stephanie Yao & Dick Zimmerman
 - Stephanie Yao could not make the meeting, but she will prepare a manuscript. Dick Zimmerman and Rob Griesbach met April 12 and discussed the topics that needed to be in the article. Rob had a copy of the document that he prepared in nomination BARC as an Horticultural Landmark several years ago and this provides a very good starting point. Dick will speak to Al Stoner and Howard Brooks to get their ideas and suggestions for the article.
- D. NARA-B update - J P Thompson (if available) Not available

- E. National Visitor Center – Jennifer Woodward-Green
- Rosannah Taylor is returning from a temporary assignment
 - Poster day is coming up and will need support
 - Handout of High Level programs and visitors (High Level = Interagency, Area Office or above, -[not employee training]- Embassy or other Government Official visit, etc.)

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
Minutes were approved after correction of Cathy Wotecki ~~named~~ nominated new Undersecretary
- B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman
- Through the end of March, income for 2010 has been \$5994 and expenses \$947, plus \$777 spent from the Klurfeld fund. Income of \$1662 for March included dues (\$722), two CFC checks (\$679), dividends (\$131), interest (\$99) and a donation (\$30). Expenses for March were science fair gift certificates (\$600), newsletter printing and mailing (\$252), postage for dues notices and CFC application (\$64), postcards for dues notices (\$23) and bank charges (\$8). The SELF fund had income of \$239 (dividends \$222 and interest \$17) and no expenses.
 - **Could FAR-B help out the AO by partially funding an intern again this year, maybe in nutrition or climate change?**
- C. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
- The MAEF's trailer is all set up for next September. FAR-B, BA, and BA PTA will fund this
 - On Tuesday and Thursday of April 20 and 22, Stoner and Anderson will put on a science enrichment program for the BA's 6th and 7th graders. This will be based on Science in the Shopping Cart.
- D. Alliance report – Jim Butcher
- Not much is being done because JPT is off of travel
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- 2nd Annual FAR-B/BARC Friendship Day will be Saturday July 17, 2010, cost \$12/person
 - Attendee's should bring some food
 - Freddi to undergo knee surgery May 4th – GOOD LUCK FREDDI
- F. Membership - Al Stoner Nothing to report
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- News letter after the annual meeting, end of May
 - Send information by end of May
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- Got list of CFC last years donor's – 52 individuals pledged \$7,500
 - New application for 2011 was accepted
 - There is a meeting for CFC participants June 16, 17, 23, or 24. Anyone want to go? As far as we can tell, we have not participated in the past
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood Nothing more

New Business

1. Planning for Annual Meeting
 - Next Board meeting: 9:30 a.m. May 13, 2010 in B-005 – Room 135
 - May 13, 2010, in B-005, room 21 at 11:00 a.m.
 - Speaker will be Dr. Cheng-I Wei, Dean of College of Agriculture & Extension at the University of Maryland
2. Planning for BARC Field Day

Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Conference Room 135, Building 005
Beltsville, Maryland
9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 13, 2010

Call to Order – Vernon Pursel

- Secretary's Report - Jim Andersen
- Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman

Reports from Committees:

- Community Outreach – Dianne Odland ✓
- BARC Alliance – Jim Butcher
- Membership Outreach – Al Stoner – *Nothing new -*
- Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith – *1 new member at Poster Day - Shan*
- Publicity – Hank Becker – *Sent out for material - New letter*
- Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood – *organised. Thank you for getting things*

New Business

- Summer Intern for a BARC Lab
- Briefly meet Dean Wei before adjourning at 10:50 a.m. and move to Room 21 for Annual Meeting.

MINUTES OF
FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH – BELTSVILLE
BOARD MEETING

Held at the
Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Conference Room 135, Building 005
Beltsville, Maryland
9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 13, 2010

Attendees: Dick Zimmerman, Dianne Odland, Hank Becker, Allan Stoner, Vern Pursel, Jim Smith, Jim Butcher, Dave Chitwood, Lew Smith and Jim Anderson

Call to Order –Vernon Pursel

- Secretary's Report - Jim Andersen
Minutes of last meeting were approved
- Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman

The treasure's report for the month of April was distributed.

Income exceeded expenses.

1. Taxes for 2009 mailed and delivered on May 4, 2010
2. Alma Solis is concerned about ethics and the SELF account. She'll get back with Vern
3. ?? Laboratory will submit some bills for purchasing bugs and paper bags for the Field Day. **This was approved by the Board**
4. Vernon talked with Lisa Baldus last week to see how the AO wants to handle the money FAR-B is donating to the garden. She would prefer we pay the \$3,000 to the contractor directly

Reports from Committees:

- Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
FAR-B sponsored a "Science in the Shopping Cart" program at the BA for the 6th and 7th grade students on April 20 and 33. Allan Stoner and Jim Anderson put on the program. The experimental activity was to determine how much water

different sized diapers containing 'super slurper'-like materials could hold. Fun was had by all.

- BARC Alliance – Jim Butcher
 1. JPT has made arrangements with Sen. Cardin's office to bring the MD delegation to BARC on June 14
 2. BARC is interested in working with a new model, possibly with Mississippi State University on informatics. The alliance could help play a role
- Membership Outreach – Al Stoner
Nothing new
- Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
Nothing new
- Publicity – Hank Becker
Newsletter got out
- Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

New Business

Summer Intern for a BARC Lab

Motion was made to support an intern in each Institute at a level of \$2,000 to \$2,500. After a little discussion the motion was seconded and passed.

We could use a new Board member

Adjourned about 10:45 to attend Annual Meeting with Dean Wei

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, June 8, 2010 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Tom Sexton
- C. NARA-B update - J P Thompson (if available) — looking for a job
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
- D. Alliance report – Jim Butcher
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag - **Board Members are asked to bring an appetizer or cookies if they plan to come and to let me know about this.**
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – *Lew Smith (In Italy)* — wedding Anniversary
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood — Nothing! but.

New Business

- A. Review of Annual Meeting. —
- B. FAR-B membership pin —

Have a machine to make

Motion made to make pins

**MINUTES of the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc. Board of
Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center National Visitors Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, June 8, 2010 - 12:00 NOON

Attendee's: Tom Sexton, Phil Kearney, Dianne Odland, Dave Chitwood, Allan Stoner, Jim Smith, Jim Butcher, Dick Zimmerman, Essex Finney, Vernon Pursel, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, and James Anderson

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update –Tom Sexton
 - Dr. Spence is attending the Administrative Council of ARS
 - Saturdays Field Day was an outstanding success
 - There is no decision on when the next Field Day will occur
 - ARS Awards Program was held in B-003 auditorium today
 - Dr. Bill Kustas was the BARC Senior Scientist of the Year
 - Manan Sharma was the BARC Early Career Scientist of the Year
 - BARC's Diversity Committee was recognized for its' New program concerning recruiting non-SY positions
 - Student Discovery Garden is located between B 006 and 007, Dr Lew Ziska is heading this up
 - A new MOU is being signed on June 17, 2010 between the Africa Trade Office, BARC and Prince George's County **Economic Development Corporation**. Sen. Cardin will attend
 - There are 18 candidates for the BARC OTT position

- There will be an Urban Garden Summit (**June 18, 2010**), headed by Pat Milner, Will Allan (Founder of Milwaukee-based Growing Power) will be a key note speaker.
 - Sunny Luo of the Food Safety lab was awarded a \$1.7 million grant to study food safety in leafy vegetables
 - The Sustainable Perennial Plants Lab won first place in the Field Day, Systematic Entomology won second and IBBI won third. All three will get a Laboratory pizza party and the first place winner will get \$5,000 to purchase equipment
- C. NARA-B update - J P Thompson (not available)
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene
- Jennifer will be going on detail
 - Rossanah Taylor will be retiring at the end of June
 - The Field Day was a great success, estimated to have 8,000 to 10,000 attendee's

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
Corrected emailed minutes were approved
- B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman
- Income was from membership, interest and fund raising
 - Expenses were from special events, Poster Day, outreach, and Administrative activities
 - Expenses, while small were greater than income
- C. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
- Nothing really new
 - **Anderson was approved to send email response to Dr. Rick Borchelt (Office of the Under Secretary) about FAR-B's outreach program**
- D. Alliance report – Jim Butcher (nothing more)
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag (not present)
- F. Membership - Al Stoner (nothing more)
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker

We all thank Hank for such an informative news letter

H. Combined Federal Campaign – *Lew Smith (In Italy)*

I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood (nothing more)

New Business

1. Review of Annual Meeting.

- Suggested that we have an ARS speaker next year
- Attendance was a little lower this year

2. FAR-B membership pin

- SEL purchased a pin making machine. They offered to make us pins to give to members. The Board agreed to do this
- Suggestion was made to sell T-shirts with either FAR-B's or BARC's logo, There was some discussion but no decision was made
- Next meeting will be September 14, 2010

Diag 500 Contract awarded 2008 Start in 2nd
Bee - Entomology Rd Bldg To Close None Before 25,000
Waste 7015 Below 25,000
Electron Area New Budget officer
Energy 2.5 Mil Reduction in energy
Steam Lines + Boilers
Animal Biotech -
Functional Genomics
Anim Parasitology

Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, September 14, 2010 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Tom Sexton
- C. NARA-B update - J P Thompson (if available)
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
- D. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag — *Homestead \$7.50*
- E. Alliance report – Jim Butcher
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

New Business

Minutes of the Sept. 14, 2010 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Essex Finney, Freddi Hammerschlag, Dianne Odland, Vern Pursel, Tom Sexton, Jim Smith, Lewis Smith, Allan Stoner, John Peter Thompson, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Richard Zimmerman

Area Office - Tom Sexton reported that a contract has been awarded for the renovation of Building 306. It is anticipated the project will take approximately 2 years to complete. Its' completion will trigger a series of several moves, or Laboratory relocations, and some building closures. Tom indicated that the FY 2011 budgets for virtually all BARC labs and CRIS projects are better than they have been for the past several years. With very few exceptions the Laboratories will start the year with more than the minimum \$25,000 "all other" funds per SY. Tom indicated that the improvement in funding is largely attributable to a significant reduction in energy costs and the elimination of some positions in the BARC administrative staff. Tom also reported that a contract has been awarded for modernization of the National Arboretum administration building. No decision has been made about the future of the Arboretum

NARA-B - John Peter Thompson reported that there had been little NARA-B activity during the summer months. He indicated that he had remained in contact with the offices of Senators Mikulski and Cardin and Congressman Hoyer. John Peter indicated that he had been trying to arrange a visit to BARC by one of Senator Cardin's staff members, who had not been to BARC

National Visitor's Center - Jennifer Woodward-Greene distributed a handout that summarized the Visitor Center's activities for the year. She estimates that the Center will have contact with approximately 10,000 visitors by the end of the year, even though it has been closed to walk-in visitors since March 1. She indicated that the programs she and Jay have been developing for visitors have been less specific and more general in nature. Jennifer reported that she has been providing some coordination and logistical help for the new Student Diversity Garden

Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman distributed the Treasurer's report through August 31, 2010. There was relatively little activity during the past month (\$929 income and \$588 expenses). There was no activity in the SELF account.

Outreach - Dianne reported that she would be coordinating the Oct 4 kickoff of the USDA's Science Week to be held in the patio of the Agriculture building in Washington. Displays will essentially be like a "mini" BARC Field Day and will include a rain forest, CSI bugs, nutrition, the arboretum, etc. Dianne asked if FAR-B would provide funds for snacks for visitors to the activity. A motion was made and passed for FAR-B to provided funds to purchase popcorn and cider, or other appropriate refreshments, for the event.

Dianne reported that Stephanie Yao, Rob Griesbach and Richard Zimmerman have written a publication titled "Celebrating 100 years of Beltsville Agricultural Research"

that will be published in Vol. 50, No 3 of Chronica Horticulturae. Dick Zimmerman distributed photocopies of the publication.

Dianne reminded the Board that the Science Enrichment Program for grades 1-5 at the Beltsville Academy is scheduled for Sept 27 - Oct 1. A Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation Mobile Science Lab will be delivered to the school on Sept 25 or 26. Jim Butcher indicated that although a number of volunteers have agreed to assist with the program, it is important that FAR-B have a significant presence throughout the week and he encouraged all Board members to help, or at least stop by to observe the program.

Fund Raising - Freddi Hamerschlag reported that the poinsettias for this years fund raiser will be purchased from Homestead Nurseries in Davidsonville. She distributed draft copies of a flyer that will be distributed to BARC employees and FAR-B members advertising the sale. The poinsettias will sell for \$14 and be available for pickup at the Log Lodge on December 14.

Vern Pursel indicated that he would explore the purchasing of tee shirts for Board members to wear when participating in outreach activities in order to identify them as FAR-B members.

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, October 12, 2010 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
- C. NARA-B update - J P Thompson (if available)
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
- D. Fund Raising - *Freddi is in Colorado*
- E. Alliance report – Jim Butcher
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

New Business

Ed

Principal

Invoice \$600 each

Call Rob - Video Tape?

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, November 16, 2010 - 12:00 NOON

Send Science
Lab

Word File To
Hank for
News letter

Special
Support Systematics
Biosystematics
Center

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - V Pursel
- B. Area Office update - Joe Spence
- C. National Visitor's Center - Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson in Florida
- B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach - Dianne Odland
- D. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- E. Membership - Al Stoner
- F. Publicity - Hank Becker
- G. Combined Federal Campaign - Lew Smith
- H. Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood

Jim Butcher

New Business

Joe - Monday 29 in Auditorium Rob Gresback
Mike Schaff - Florida 6mo - Year
Possible
Lee Ann New RA An Biotech
Blomberg

Oct 720 People
Student Discovery 200 people

Next Meeting 1030

Friends of Agricultural Research - Baltimore, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Baltimore Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor Center
Baltimore, Maryland

Tuesday, November 16, 2010 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - V. Bursch
- B. Area Office update - Joe Spence
- C. National Visitor Center - Jennifer Woodard-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson in Florida
- B. Treasurer's report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach - Blaine Odland
- D. Fund Raising - Fred Hammeschlag
- E. Membership - Al Strong
- F. Publicity - Hank Becker
- G. Combined Federal Campaign - Lew Smith
- H. Administration Liaison - Dave Whitwood

New Business

Minutes - Nov 16, 2010 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Essex Finney, Freddi Hammerschlag, Phil Kearney, Darwin Murrell, Dianne Odland, Vernon Pursel, Jim Smith, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Dick Zimmerman

Area Office Update - Joe Spence reported that ARS is operating on a continuing resolution and that is likely to continue for some time. The recent FY 2011 BARC ARMPS review went well and the Area's "all other" funds increased for the 3rd year in a row. Joe also indicated that there are several SES vacancies in ARS and there is likely to be some shifting of personnel in the near future. Le Ann Blomberg was recently appointed as Research Leader of the Animal Bioscience and Biotechnology Lab. Mike Schauff, Asst. Director of the Plant Sciences Institute plans to retire at the end of the year.

National Visitor's Center - Jennifer Woodward-Greene distributed a handout that summarized the Oct activities and scheduled upcoming events.

Treasurers Report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report showing the monthly and year-to-date income and expenditures, and the monthly bank and investments report. Income for October was \$638 and expenses totaled \$428. Vern Pursel will invoice the Beltsville Academy and their PTA for their share of the cost of the recent Science Enrichment Program.

Beltsville Alliance - Jim Butcher indicated that there had been no activity the past month. Darwin Murrell suggested that FAR-B remind the appropriate members of the House of Representatives and the Senate that the Alliance still exists.

Community Outreach - Jim Butcher will schedule a meeting with the Beltsville Academy Principal to critique the recent Science Enrichment Program at the school and to explore the possibility of continuing the program the next school year.

Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag reported that the deadline for ordering poinsettias was September 15 and that we had met the minimum number of plants required by our supplier, Homestead Gardens. The plants will be available for pick-up on Dec 13 at the Log Lodge.

Publicity - Hank Becker reported that he will prepare the next issue of the FAR-B Newsletter in late January 2011.

CFC - Vern Pursel reported that he and Jim Smith represented FAR-B at the recent BARC CFC kickoff event. He also indicated that he had sent information on FAR-B's participation in the CFC to all BARC SY's.

The next FAR-B Board meeting will be December 14.

Abstract

The purpose of this study was to investigate the effects of a 12-week training program on the physical fitness and health-related quality of life of sedentary middle-aged adults.

Twenty-four sedentary middle-aged adults (mean age = 45.5 years, SD = 5.2) participated in a 12-week training program consisting of three sessions per week. The training program included aerobic exercise, strength training, and flexibility exercises. The primary outcome measures were changes in maximal oxygen consumption ($\dot{V}O_{2\max}$), body mass index (BMI), and health-related quality of life (HRQL) measured using the SF-36 questionnaire.

Results showed that after 12 weeks of training, participants significantly increased their $\dot{V}O_{2\max}$ and decreased their BMI. There were also significant improvements in several dimensions of HRQL, including physical functioning, role limitations due to physical problems, and vitality.

These findings suggest that a 12-week training program can effectively improve the physical fitness and health-related quality of life of sedentary middle-aged adults. Further research is needed to determine the long-term effects of this program and to explore the mechanisms underlying the observed improvements.

Keywords: sedentary lifestyle, middle-aged adults, physical fitness, health-related quality of life, training program.

Physical inactivity is a major public health problem worldwide, and it is associated with a number of health risks, including obesity, type 2 diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. Therefore, promoting physical activity is a key strategy for preventing and reducing these health risks.

One of the most common forms of physical activity is walking, and it has been shown to have numerous health benefits. Walking is a low-impact activity that can be performed by people of all ages and fitness levels. It is also a convenient activity that can be incorporated into daily life.

The purpose of this study was to investigate the effects of a 12-week walking program on the physical fitness and health-related quality of life of sedentary middle-aged adults.

The study was conducted in a community-based setting. Participants were recruited through local newspapers, flyers, and word-of-mouth. The study was approved by the local ethics committee.

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, December 14, 2010 - 1:30

Holiday Potluck Lunch – 1:30 until we we're ready for business

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
- C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson (if available)
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

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III. New Business

- A. Travel support for Evapotranspiration Workshop

Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

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Tuesday, December 14, 2010 - 1:30

Holiday Potluck Lunch - 1:30 until we're ready for business

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - V. Putsel
- B. Area Office update - Joe Spence
- C. NARA-B update - John Peter Thompson (if available)
- D. National Visitor's Center - Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurer's report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach - Dianne Odland
- D. Alliance - Jim Burcher
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity - Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign - Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

- A. Travel support for Evapotranspiration Workshop

Minutes from the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, December 14, 2010 - 1:30 p.m.

Holiday Potluck Lunch – 1:30 until we we're ready for business

Attendees: David Chitwood, Hank Becker, Freddi Hammerschlag, Dianne Odland, Jim Butcher, Essex Finney, Joe Spence, Vernon Pursel, Allan Stoner, Lew Smith, Phil Kearney, Darwin Murrell, Dick Zimmerman, Jim Smith, Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel (No guests)

B. Area Office update – Joe Spence

New Director of the Arboretum was named: Dr. Colien Hefferan

There is no 2011 Budget yet. If it is passed, the Foundry sand money will be gone. The research is completed and the Congressional delegation did not fight to restore these funds. There is no new construction dollars in the proposed budget. Bldg 306 has the money for renovation from past appropriations.

There are a few RL and SY positions open at BARC.

The Agency is not going to maintain SY levels at 2,200 any longer. The number of SY's will drop because there are too many programs and too little dollars to support the programs.

C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson (not available)

D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene (not available)

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson - Minutes from last meeting (November 16, 2010) recorded by Allan Stoner were approved.

Minister of Agriculture
Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting
November 14, 2012

November 14, 2012 - 1:30 pm

Meeting Room 101 - 1st Floor, 1000 Lakeshore Blvd. W.

Agenda: 1. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting
2. Report on the progress of the Board of Directors
3. Report on the progress of the Executive Committee
4. Report on the progress of the Finance Committee
5. Report on the progress of the Human Resources Committee
6. Report on the progress of the Marketing Committee
7. Report on the progress of the Technology Committee
8. Report on the progress of the Environmental Committee
9. Report on the progress of the Safety Committee
10. Report on the progress of the Legal Committee
11. Report on the progress of the Audit Committee
12. Report on the progress of the Nominations Committee
13. Report on the progress of the Compensation Committee
14. Report on the progress of the Executive Compensation Committee
15. Report on the progress of the Board of Directors
16. Report on the progress of the Board of Directors
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18. Report on the progress of the Board of Directors
19. Report on the progress of the Board of Directors
20. Report on the progress of the Board of Directors

I. Introduction

A. Chair's Opening Remarks and Welcome to the Meeting

B. Chair's Opening Remarks and Welcome to the Meeting

C. Chair's Opening Remarks and Welcome to the Meeting

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E. Chair's Opening Remarks and Welcome to the Meeting

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G. Chair's Opening Remarks and Welcome to the Meeting

H. Chair's Opening Remarks and Welcome to the Meeting

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

A. Chair's Opening Remarks and Welcome to the Meeting

- B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman - FAR-B took in more funds than we spent so far this fiscal year. FAR-B did not meet the budgeted income for 2010. The shortfall was mainly caused by no income from Workshops (none were held).

There is still concern about the SELF funds. There was much discussion on what to do. Dick and Vern will try to meet with Alma Solis to work out what to do with the Fund.

- C. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland Next year the Agricultural Mobile Science Laboratory will still cost \$1,800 if ordered before February 2011. A motion was made and passed to continue our outreach program with the Beltsville Academy by sponsoring the Agricultural Science trailer sponsored by the Maryland Agricultural Education Fund. This will cost somewhere between \$600 and \$1,800 depending on the level of support from the School and PTA.
- D. Alliance – Jim Butcher There will be an Alliance Board Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 16, 2010. This Annual meeting is required by the Alliance's By-Laws.
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag Sold 73 poinsettias plants. This year, we purchased plants from Homestead Nursery. Freddi would like to have another fund raiser in her garden sometime in the spring/summer of 2011.
- F. Membership - Al Stoner Nothing to report
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker Need information for the New Years News letter. Needs something from the Diversity Committee and from the Area
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith Will get new application in soon.
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood Nothing more

III. New Business

- A. Travel support for Evapotranspiration Workshop Nothing was decided on for this workshop. Vern will contact the BARC coordinator and get back to see if they really need FAR-B's help. After discussion, it was questionable if FAR-B should support this activity.

From: FAR-B Business <farbboard@comcast.net>
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Zimmerman <rhz1415@verizon.net>, Jim Butcher <jim.hickory@gmail.com>, Joe Spence <joseph.spence@ars.usda.gov>, Tom Sexton <Tom.S
<Dianne.Odland@ARS.USDA.GOV>, John Peter Thompson <ipetrus@msn.com>, Lewis Smith <lws406@comcast.net>, Jim Smith <zincdr@veriz

Hope to see you tomorrow.
Vernon

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, January 11, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
- C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson (if available)
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
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III. New Business

- A. Travel support for Evapotranspiration Workshop
- B. FAR-B Summer Interns

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Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

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III. New Business

- A. Travel support for Evapotranspiration Workshop
- B. FAR-B Summer Interns

~~Draft of the~~ Minutes of
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, January 11, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

Attendee's: Jim Smith, David Chitwood, Hank Becker, Dianne Odland, Freddi Hammerschag, Dick Zimmerman, Jim Butcher, Essex Finney, Vernon Pursel, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, Phil Kearney, Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence

Still no budget for FY 2011, working on a continuing resolution.

There will be an all SY meeting next week to discuss budget and other items; BARC got some additional funds from the Stimulus because many programs in ARS came in under the budget and BARC got all the extra funds in the Agency (Arboretum, steam lines at BARC and funds for B-306); The enhanced lease program in the current Farm Bill has finally been approved and there are 4 bids. BARC wants to have successful bids tied to a CRADA; Bob McDonald was hired to fill a new position for finding grants in the Office of Technology.

Item for news letter due to Hank Becker by January 27, 2011

- C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson (Not available)
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene Had a handout showing the events that were held and will be held in the next few months; A very busy schedule; There will be a Graduate Student Research Symposium, February 10 & 11.

Jennifer will be on a 60 day detail in the Bovine Functional Genomics Laboratory beginning February 1, 2011. Jay will be acting in her place.

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson - Accepted as sent out by email
- B. Treasurers report & 2011 Budget - Dick Zimmerman

FAR-B took in \$8,945 more than it spent, FAR-B did not take in the budgeted amount because there was no income from Workshops, the new proposed budget shows a \$3,850 deficit.

Minutes of

Friends of Agricultural Research - Belleville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Belleville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Belleville, Missouri

Tuesday, January 11, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

Attendees: Jim Smith, David Chiswick, Hank Becker, Dennis O'Leary, Fred Hammel, Bob
Zimmerman, Jan Becker, Esmeralda Pineda, Joe Spence, Allen Givens, Rick Koenig, Jim
Anderson

Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - V Pineda
- B. Area Office Update - Joe Spence

Still no budget for FY 2011, working on a continuing resolution.

There will be an all day meeting next week to discuss budget and other items. FARM got
some additional funds from the Stimulus because many programs in ARS centers under the
budget and BARC got all the extra funds in the Agency. (Anticipation, stimulus was BARC
and funds for B-205). The enhanced lease program in the current farm bill has been
approved and there are 4 bids. BARC wants to have successful bids tied to a CRAB. Bob
McQuinn was hired to fill a new position for finding grants in the Office of Technology

Item for news letter due to Hank Becker by January 27, 2011

- C. NARS Update - John Peter Thompson (Not available)
- D. National Visitor's Center - Jennifer Woodward-Givens. Had a handout showing the events
that were held and will be held in the next few months. A very busy schedule. There will be
a Graduate Student Research Symposium, February 10 & 11.

Janet will be on a 30 day tour in the Bovine Functional Genomics Laboratory beginning
February 1, 2011. Jay will be acting in her place.

Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson - Accepted as read and by email
- B. Finance report & 2011 Budget - Dick Zimmerman

FARM got in \$8,948 more than I spent. FARM did not take in the budgeted amount
because there was no income from workshops, the new proposed budget gives a \$3,150
deficit.

A motion was made by Allan Stoner to approve the proposed budget and seconded by Jim Butcher. The new budget was unanimously approved by the BOD.

- C. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland - It was brought up that FAR-B has not been reimbursed by the BA or the PTA for the Maryland Agricultural Educational Foundation trailer from last year; FAR-B should meet with the school to see if they want to have FAR-B participate in this program next year. Jim Butcher is to contact the school and the PTA to set up a meeting to discuss these issues.
- D. Alliance – Jim Butcher - Needs to set up a meeting to discuss the future of the Alliance. John Peter is being offered a position at BARC that is funded by several Agencies concerned with invasive species.
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag - FAR-B/BARC Friendship Day is scheduled for Sunday, June 26, 2011 at her home. Cost will be \$12/person and bring a snack and a door prize. The Day Lilies will be in bloom. Hank will include this in the next News Letter. Vern will let the Area Office know the date.
- F. Membership - Al Stoner (Nothing new)
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker - Need information by January 20, 2011
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith (unavailable)
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood (nothing more)

III. New Business

- A. Travel support for Evapotranspiration Workshop - This is a NASA event and NASA does not allow collection of registration fees for their sponsored events. After more discussion, a motion was made by Allan Stoner to not support the travel of scientists requested. Seconded by Freddi Hammerschlag. The motion was unanimously rejected by the Board
- B. FAR-B Summer Interns Vern passed out an announcement about the intern program. All agreed this was OK. FAR-B will support 3 interns, one from ANRI, PSI, and BHNRC.

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
- C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson (if available) – *No + here*
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jay Green

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurers report & 2011 Budget - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
- D. Alliance – Jim Butcher
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag – *out of town*
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

- A. Annual Meeting guest speaker

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Minutes
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

Attendees: David Chitwood, Hank Becker, Dianne Odland, Jay Green, Jim Butcher, Jim Smith, Essex Finney, Vernon Pursel, Tom Sexton, Lew Smith, Dick Zimmerman, Allan Stoner, Phil Kearney, Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel

B. Area Office update – Tom Sexton

The Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce has been very active. This committee is sponsoring a Graduate Student Agricultural Research Symposium Feb 10 -11, 2011. Students are from 1890 Universities. Twenty eight students are participating; 8 are giving oral presentations and the rest are giving posters. Each student is matched with a BARC scientist as a mentor.

FAR-B members are invited.

Presidents budget will be released Monday. Tune in next week.

Still looking for 3 RL's, currently Murray Bakst is Acting RL in the Animal Biosciences and Biotechnology Laboratory, Jack Meisinger is Acting RL in the Environmental Management and Byproduct Laboratory, and Margret Pooler is Acting RL in The Floral and Nursery Crop Laboratory. Ramon Jordan is still helping at the Arboretum

A new roof is now on Bldg 005

C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson (not available)

D. National Visitor's Center – Jay Green

Jennifer Woodward-Greene is on a 60 day detail. Jay is doing yeoman's work. He is the only employee and is extremely busy.

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson Minutes sent to members by email were approved.

B. Treasurers report & 2011 Budget - Dick Zimmerman

Funds added in January were from dividends and CFC. There were no expenses the first month.

C. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland

Nothing new. Need to set up a meeting with BA for the MAEF trailer. **Jim Butcher will contact the School**

D. Alliance – Jim Butcher

Alliance is in a resting stage until John Peter's employment situation is resolved

E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag (Not present)

F. Membership - Al Stoner

Memberships are beginning to come in. **Allan will contact Kathy McCue to get list of recent retiree's.**

G. Publicity – Hank Becker

Hank thanks Waldy Klassen for his help on Morton Beroza obituary. Thank you Waldy!

H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith

Application for 2011 has been submitted. Lew recognized the outstanding help of Dick Zimmerman and Vernon Pursel

I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood (Nothing more than Dr. Sexton gave)

III. New Business

A. Annual Meeting guest speaker - Vernon is trying to get Kathy Woteki. Joe Spence was to talk to her at the AC meeting. Currently, the Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 9 or 10, 2011, but it could change because of the speakers schedule

B. Elections: Will need a whole new slate of officers. Vernon, Allan and Dick Zimmerman will make up the committee.

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

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Bee Keepers

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
- C. Systematic Entomology Lab – Alma Solis
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jay Green

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach – Jim A. and Jim B. (Dianne is in San Francisco)
- D. Alliance – Jim Butcher
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

- A. Systematic Entomology Lab Fund discussion
- B. Tent for BARC Poster Day/Take Your Child To Work Day
- C. Annual Meeting plans
- D. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson (if available)

Board of Directors Meeting Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
 National Visitor's Center
 Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 - 11:00 Noon

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - V. Pineda
- B. Area Office update - Joe Spencer
- C. Systemic Entomology Lab - Alma Zola
- D. National Visitor's Center - Jay Green

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurer's report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach - Jim A. and Jim B. (Isabelle is in San Francisco)
- D. Alliance - Jim Datcher
- E. Fund Raising - Heidi Hammenstich
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity - Hank Becker
- H. Combined Fundraising Campaign - Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Report - Dave Chiswood

III. New Business

- A. Systemic Entomology Lab Fund discussion
- B. Test for BART: How Many You Want to Work Day
- C. Annual Meeting plans
- D. NARS-B update - John Peter Thompson (if available)

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

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II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach – Jim A. and Jim B. (Dianne is in San Francisco)
- D. Alliance – Jim Butcher
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag — *Door Prizes*
- F. Membership - Al Stoner —
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

- A. Systematic Entomology Lab Fund discussion
- B. Tent for BARC Poster Day/Take Your Child To Work Day —
- C. Annual Meeting plans ~~—~~
- D. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson (if available) *Need an active director*
Recuse for 90 days

Minutes

Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center National Visitor's Center

Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

Attendee's: Darwin Murrell, Phil Kearney, Hank Becker, John Peter Thompson, Jay Green, David Chitwood, Essex Finney, Freddi Hammerschlag, Dick Zimmerman, Allan Stoner, Jim Butcher, Vernon Pursel, Joe Spence, and Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel

B. Area Office update – Joe Spence

Tom Sexton will be retiring May 1. Keep tuned.

Budget: A lot of unknowns for the FY'11 CR and FY'12 budget. Add-ons are being cut so BARC will probably do OK because BARC has so few of these. IRC costs are down and the energy costs are levels found in the 1990's; B-306 is being renovated and should be done in about 16 months; the attic in B 003 is rented out to NRCS; Agency cut travel by 20% and all ARS planning meetings are on hold;

In the proposed FY'12 budget, The North Atlantic Region is slated to lose \$14million; Stoneville is to lose the catfish funding, Formosan termite funding; ARS to close 11 locations including Beaver, WV.

The Arboretum is doing OK, FONA has a stake holders meeting on Thursday, March 10 with about 30 different stake holders, ARS received a \$110K grant for the Azalea gardens; FONA received a million dollar grant to support the gardens

C. Systematic Entomology Lab – Alma Solis

Alma presented a talk about the SEL, the collections, the numbers of rush identifications they received last year (17K) in addition to the urgent's (8.4K) that need to be done immediately, i.e., SY's must stop what they are doing and id the specimens. The 17 SY's (down from about 25 a few years ago) do over 25K insect identifications per year. The insect collection belongs to the Smithsonian, not ARS. About 5% of the total collection is located at BARC. Thank you Alma!

D. National Visitor's Center – Jay Green This past month, Jay planned and hosted 18 programs and meetings, 8 of which were high levels, with over 350 individuals. Had over 616 emails and 61 phone calls. Very diversified programs. Thank you Jay.

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson February minutes approved

B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman

FAR-B took in over \$3,000, primarily from dues, but no CFC check, and less than \$500 expenses. (later discussion on SELF)

\$2,500 for Summer Internship for Dr. Michael Gates in SEL is to be paid from SELF, and another FAR-B Summer Intern will be selected for PSI.

C. Community Outreach – Jim A. and Jim B. (Dianne is in San Francisco)

Committee met with the school on February 25 and discussed the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation Science trailer. The school is to order the trailer for next fall. The school will pay \$600, The PTA will pay \$500, and FAR-B the rest. FAR-B still has not been paid for last falls trailer, but these funds will be coming. Need to send another bill to PTA.

D. Alliance – Jim Butcher

John Peter Thompson is now employed by NAL and therefore can not represent the Alliance. John Peter will reclude himself for the time being. Jim Butcher will be acting in his place until things are clarified. The Alliance and FAR-B will need to put some testimony together for Congressional and Senate Ag hearings

E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag

Freddi and husband Dick will be hosting a garden party on Sunday June 26, 2011. She is looking for door prizes and food. More information to come.

F. Membership - Al Stoner

Passed out a list of members. Wants everyone to send him names and addresses of retired employees. Talk to them if you can and Al will follow up by sending out letters.

Jim Smith has a cancerous growth on this elbow and is beginning chemo, his wife also has caner and is undergoing treatment.

G. Publicity – Hank Becker Nothing new

H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith Nothing to report

I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood Nothing more

III. New Business

A. Systematic Entomology Lab Fund discussion

Dick Zimmerman gave out a history of the SELF. Because of ethical considerations, employees cannot solicit funds for SELF. Here is where FAR-B and SELF can work together.

Old Business and Committee Reports

A. Secretary's report - Jan Anderson February minutes approved

B. Treasurer's report - Dick Zimmerman

FAR-B was in over \$2,000 previously from dues but no CTC check, only less than \$100 expense under discussion for 2011

It will be a matter before the Board of Directors in 2011, and possibly a vote on funding from within the 2011

C. Community Outreach - Jan A and Jan B (Committee in San Francisco)

Community Outreach with the school on February 25 and discussed the Missionary Agency's Education Fund. The school is to order the books for next year. The school will pay \$200. The PTA will pay \$200 and FAR-B will pay \$200. The PTA will not pay for the books, but these funds will be coming. Used to fund another bill in PTA

D. Ethics - Jan Butler

John Butler Thomson is now employed by NAL and therefore can not represent the PTA. John Butler will receive funds for the next year. Jan Butler will be acting in his place until things are settled. The PTA and FAR-B will need to get some testimony regarding the Commission and Jan's Agency

E. Fundraising - Dick Zimmerman

Fundraising and fundraising will be having a garden party on Sunday June 20, 2011. This is looking for donations and food. More information to come

F. Membership - Jan Butler

Presented out a list of members. Wants everyone to send him names and addresses of listed members. Jan Butler will be up by sending out more

Jan Butler has a continuous growth on this effort and is beginning to grow the with a new case and is working on it

G. Policy - Hank Becker, Nathan Lee

H. General Fundraising Campaign - Jan Smith Working to report

I. Administration's Union - Dave O'Connell Working note

New Business

A. Systematic Fundraising - Jan Butler

Dick Zimmerman gave a history of the SFL. Because of ethical considerations, employees cannot have funds for SFL. This is where FAR-B and SFL can work together

A motion was made and seconded to “assess the SELF fund 7% of any new funds going into the SELF but not less \$200 per year.” These funds will help pay for the expense of administering the fund. The motion passed by unanimously.

B. Tent for BARC Poster Day/Take Your Child To Work Day

This will cost FAR-B about half

B. Annual Meeting plans

The meeting will be held May 10, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in Rm 21, Bldg 005, BARC-W. Dr. Rexroad will be the speaker “Challenging times at the ARS, but Research Opportunities still Knock”

C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson (already covered)

D. Nominees for new FAR-B officers:

President – Jim Anderson

Vice President – Vernon Pursel (outgoing President)

Treasurer – Dick Zimmerman

Secretary – Allan Stoner

Next meeting – April 12, 2011

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Tom Sexton
- C. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson
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- C. Community Outreach –Dianne Odland
- D. Alliance & Legislative Affairs – Jim Butcher
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III. New Business

- A. Annual Meeting plans

Draft of minutes - Board of Directors Meeting
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

Attendees: David Chitwood, Dianne Odland, Jay Green, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, Essex Finney, Tom Sexton, Vern Pursel, Lew Smith, Phil Kearney, Richard Zimmerman, Allan Stoner, Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update – Tom Sexton

There were no additional cuts to ARS programs in the new appropriation bill for FY 2011. A total of \$44 million were cut from the ARS budget in the earlier CR. However, all \$238 M building and facility funds were cut from ARS. Because of these cuts only the East side steam lines will be fixed.

Tom will retire on May 1, 2011. THANK YOU TOM, FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR FAR-B AND BARC.

- C. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

Jennifer is back from her detail. Thank you Jay for all your hard work while Jennifer was on detail.

The ARS Visitor Center will close Oct. 1, 2011. Jennifer will stay with the Visitor staff on Sunnyside. Jay is reassigned to work with Dianne Odland. Jennifer will only deal with high level meeting.

The Discovery Garden will be BARC's. The official opening of the Garden will be on May 5 at 11 a.m. All are invited to participate.

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Jim Anderson

March Minutes were approved

- B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman

Beltsville Academy PTA sent the \$500 check for last years trailer. Have not received funds from the school, but that is working it's way through the system.

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

Attendees: David Chiswick, Dean, Richard Jay Green, Mark Becker, Jim Buehler, Frank
Honey, Tom Gorton, Vern Riesel, Lou Grier, Bill Grier, George Zimmerman, Alan Grier,
Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - V. Riesel

B. Area Chair's Report - Tom Gorton

Tom, we are excited to have this program in the new agricultural center for FY
2011. A total of 144 visitors were at the Ballville Center for the day. However,
at 2:30 PM, the program was cancelled due to rain. The Ballville Center was only
open for a few hours and we had a good turnout.

Tom will report on May 1, 2011. Thank you Tom for all you have done for
Ballville and BAC.

C. Ballville Visitor Center - Jennifer Winkler-Holmes

Jennifer is the Ballville Center. Thank you for all you have done for Ballville and
BAC.

The Ballville Center will open Oct 1, 2011. Jennifer will stay with the visitor center
and will be in charge of the Ballville Center. Jennifer will only deal with
the Ballville Center.

The Ballville Center will be BAC's. The Ballville Center will be on
May 1, 2011. All are invited to participate.

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson

Each minute were approved.

B. Treasurer's Report - Dan Zimmerman

Ballville Agricultural Center was the 2010 state fair. There was a good
turnout from the fair. The fair was a success and we had a good turnout.

This past month, FAR-B had more expenses than income. Still getting more dues from members. Had an income of \$1,562 with expenses of \$4,539 which included \$3685 for the Symposium held for the 1890 schools.

The SELF account got a \$650 donation

C. Community Outreach –Dianne Odland

Beltsville Academy has reserved 3 different weeks (Sept 19-23, Oct 24-28 and Sept 12-16) for the Agricultural Products Laboratory. They will chose one week once the fall schedule is announced. They will work with eggs for the 3rd to 5th graders and making pizza for the K-2 students. There will be a poster contest.

D. Alliance & Legislative Affairs – Jim Butcher

Jim Butcher is the Interim President for the alliance. Ron Korcak was not interested in being on the Board of the Alliance. Jim Butcher sent the testimony to Congress. Faxed to Senate and House members and to the MD delegation

E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag

Freddi wants door prizes. Two T-shirts were offered. If you have something else, please let Freddi know. The Garden tour is on June 26, 2011.

F. Membership - Al Stoner

Still looking for names. He needs email address and/or street addresses

G. Publicity – Hank Becker Nothing yet

H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith

CFC is continuing through the process of approval. Still trying to get CFC checks sent to FAR-B mailbox instead of to Phil Kearney. Maybe some progress

I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood Nothing more that what Dr. Sexton mentioned/

III. New Business

A. Annual Meeting plans on May 10, 2011

Dr. Rexroad will talk about "**Challenging Times at ARS but Research Opportunities Still Knock**" at 11 o'clock in the conference room in Bldg 005. There will be a Board meeting at 9:30 before the talk in Room ?, B-005.

After the presentation by Dr. Rexroad, there will be an election. Allan Stoner will handle this.

Hank will help with the refreshments.

From: FAR-B Business <farbboard@comcast.net>
Subject: FAR-B Board Meeting Agenda - 9:30 a.m. Tuesday May 10
Date: May 4, 2011 6:33:26 PM EDT

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Here is draft agenda for our abbreviated Board Meeting next Tuesday.
Vern

Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

Conference Room 135, Building 005

Beltsville, Maryland

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Call to Order - Vernon Pursel

- Secretary's Report - Jim Andersen
- Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman

- See memo for approval

- a lot of time spent on the relations Thank you Dick

Reports from Committees:

- Community Outreach - Dianne Odland
- BARC Alliance - Jim Butcher/John Peter Thompson

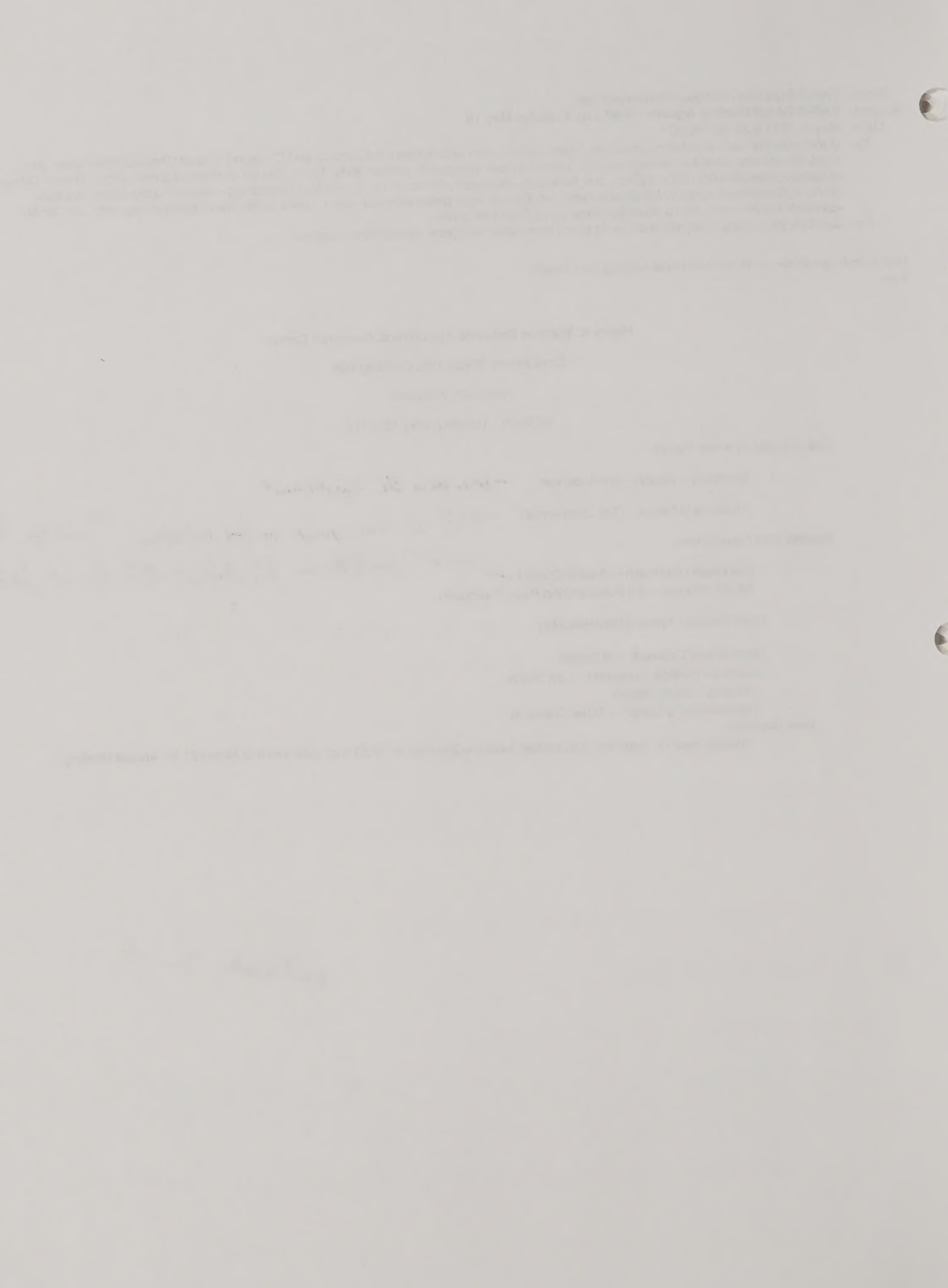
- No definite date for next fall.

- Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- Membership Outreach - Al Stoner
- Combined Federal Campaign - Lew Smith
- Publicity - Hank Becker
- Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood

New Business

- Briefly meet Dr. Rexroad (if available) before adjourning at 10:50 a.m. and move to Room 21 for Annual Meeting.

Next meeting June 14



Minutes of the
Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

Conference Room 135, Building 005

Beltsville, Maryland

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Attendee's: Dianne Odland, Freddi Hammerschlag, Dick Zimmerman, Phil Kearney, Lew Smith, Essex Finney, Vern Pursel, Allan Stoner, Dave Chitwood, Jim Butcher, John Peter Thompson, Darwin Murrell, Hank Becker, Jim Anderson

Call to Order –Vernon Pursel

- Secretary's Report - Jim Andersen - Corrected minutes of the April meeting were approved
- Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman – Took in about \$10,000 this past month. This includes over \$8,000 from CFC, \$1,000 from donations in addition to dues and interest payments. Received the \$500 from the BA PTA, but have not received a check from the PGC School system for the Science trailer last year.

A great deal of time was spent redoing income tax reports for the past couple of years. They are now corrected. DICK, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK TO FIX FAR-B's TAX RETURN PROBLEMS.

Reports from Committees:

- Community Outreach – Dianne Odland – We have not heard when the BA will get the trailer. The school has reserved 3 different dates and will chose one, once they know next years school schedule
- BARC Alliance – Jim Butcher/John Peter Thompson – Reported that H. Walter Townshend, President & CEO of the Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber drafted a letter to Mr. Kelly, Chair of the Federal Facility Advisory Board to invite the Board to meet at BARC and NAL.

At the suggestion of Essex Finney, Jim Butcher has forward the FAR-B FY2012 Congressional testimony to Noah Engelberg, Program Examiner, Agriculture Branch, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

A motion was made: FAR-B should become a member of the Baltimore Washington Corridor Camber of Commerce. FAR-B will be willing to do the paper work for BARC. Motion Passed!

Also, FAR-B will pay for BARC for at least one year. Government membership amounts to \$500 and non-profits are half. Allan Stoner, Jim Butcher and Vernon agreed to fill out the paperwork for BARC and FAR-B to join.

- Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag – Friendship Day is June 26, 2011. Hope for a sunny day. Notice for the poinsettias sell in December will be announced in August.
- Membership Outreach – Al Stoner - Have a few new members. The extra money employees

Minutes of the
Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

Conference Room 135, Building 603

Bethesda, Maryland

9:00 a.m. - Tuesday, May 12, 2014

Attendees: Dwayne Oldham, Fred Hammel, Dick Zimmerman, Pat Kewney, Law Smith,
Erick Fenn, Vann Fennel, Allan Stoner, Dave Linnard, Jim Butler, John Peter Thompson, D.
Muller, Kent Givens, Jim Anderson

Call to Order - Vann Fennel

Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson - Corrected minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman - Took in about \$10,000 this past month. The funds
over \$2,000 from the 21,000 from the 2013 and 2014 and interest payments.
Received on 2013 from the FAR, but have not received a check from the FAR since
system for the 2013 higher fee year.

A question of what was spent needed meeting for reports for the past couple of years. They
are now correct. DICK, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR WORK TO FIX FAR'S TAX
RETURN PROBLEMS

Report from Committees

Committee Report - Dwayne Oldham - We have not heard from the FAR yet for the 2013.
The FAR has received 2 different checks and will close one once they know what year
each check is for.

BARC Report - Jim Anderson, Peter Thompson - Reported that H. Wayne Townsend,
President & CEO of the National Washington Chapter, Chamber of Commerce for the
District of Columbia, is planning to visit the FAR to meet with BARC and FAR.

At the suggestion of Erick Fennel, Jim Butler has forwarded the FAR-B FY2012 Congressional
testimony to Noel Engelberg, Program Examiner, Agriculture Branch, Office of Management
and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

A motion was made: FAR-B should become a member of the Baltimore Washington Chapter
Chamber of Commerce. FAR-B will be willing to do the paper work for BARC. Motion Passed!

Also, FAR-B will pay for BARC for at least one year. Governmental membership and access to
1300 and other rooms was paid. Allan Stoner, Jim Butler and Vann agreed to fill out the
paperwork for BARC and FAR-B to join.

Fund Report - Fred Hammel - Forwarding Dues to June 30, 2014. Plans for a party
day. Notice for the 2014 dues will be announced in August.

Membership Outlook - A. Stoner - Have a few new members. The other three empty seats

pay for Associate membership are considered donations.

- Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith – Vern has sent all the thank you notes to all who have contributed to the CFC. There is no kick-off date selected yet
- Publicity – Hank Becker – Need things for the Newsletter by May 27.
- Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood - Nothing

New Business - Had a good discussion on selection of Student Internships. Because one of the SY's selected to receive an internship, was so troublesome to some board members, the Institute was asked to choose another SY. This was done. Also, there was discussion on why the Arboretum did not get to receive an internship. It was decided to leave the selection to the Institutes and that the Arboretum should be able to get one also.

Next meeting: June 14, 2011, ARS Visitor Center, i.e., Log Lodge

Annual Meeting

President Pursel gave a summary of the accomplishments of FAR-B for the past year then introduced the speaker, Dr. Caird Rexroad, Jr.; Associate Administrator, ARS who talked about "Challenging Times at ARS but Research Opportunities Still Knock" There was a lively discussion after the talk. The best discussion we've had at such a meeting.

Dr. Spence gave an update on the status of BARC.

Allan Stoner lead the election of new officers for FAR-B. Candidates were:

President – James Anderson

Vice-President – Vern Pursel

Treasurer - Richard Zimmerman

Secretary – Allan Stoner

Jim Smith made a motion that nominations cease and was seconded. The candidates were unanimously approved.

Broke for lunch.

Agenda for the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

National Visitor's Center

Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – Jim Anderson
- B. Area Office update – Alma Solis, Acting Associate Director
- C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson – (if available)
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report – Allan Stoner
- B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach –Dianne Odland
- D. Alliance – Jim Butcher
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

- A. Memorial Fund for Vern?
- B. New Vice President
- C. How/where to keep FAR-B records, web site updates, PayPal, etc

Friends of Environmental Research - 100000, Inc.
 Board of Directors Meeting
 Before the Environmental Research - 100000, Inc.
 Meeting / Meeting
 Tuesday, June 14, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

I. Introduction

- A. Elinor Ostrom and Institutional Analysis - 10:00-10:30
- B. Elinor Ostrom and Institutional Analysis - 10:30-11:00
- C. Elinor Ostrom and Institutional Analysis - 11:00-11:30
- D. Elinor Ostrom and Institutional Analysis - 11:30-12:00

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Executive Report - 10:00-10:30
- B. Financial Report - 10:30-11:00
- C. Governance Report - 11:00-11:30
- D. Finance - 11:30-12:00
- E. Elinor Ostrom and Institutional Analysis - 12:00-12:30
- F. Elinor Ostrom and Institutional Analysis - 12:30-1:00
- G. Elinor Ostrom and Institutional Analysis - 1:00-1:30
- H. Elinor Ostrom and Institutional Analysis - 1:30-2:00
- I. Elinor Ostrom and Institutional Analysis - 2:00-2:30

III. New Business

- A. Elinor Ostrom and Institutional Analysis - 2:30-3:00
- B. Elinor Ostrom and Institutional Analysis - 3:00-3:30
- C. Elinor Ostrom and Institutional Analysis - 3:30-4:00

Minutes June 14, 2011 FAR-B Board of Directors

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Jay Green, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Freddi Hammerschlag, Phil Kearney, Don Keister, Darwin Murrell, Dianne Odland, Lew Smith, Alma Solis, Allan Stoner, Dick Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order.

Area Office update - Alma Solis, on detail as the BARC Associate Director, reported that Lisa Baldus had been detailed to ARS Headquarters and it was likely that the BARC Deputy Area Director position will be abolished. Alma also indicated that there was likely to be a reorganization of the ARS, Administrative and Fiscal Management Division.

Alma reported that Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack held a retreat involving 160 people, including all USDA agency heads, at BARC the previous week.

A BARC committee is studying the possible elimination of the BARC Institutes. The Plant Science Institute, Associate Director position has been abolished.

National Visitor's Center - Jennifer Woodward-Greene discussed the Center's involvement in Secretary Vilsack's retreat at BARC and reported that the Center had hosted several other high level visitors the previous month.

Old Business & Committee Reports:

Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman distributed copies of a report detailing FAR-B's May and year to date income and expenditures.

Community Outreach - Dianne Odland indicated that the Beltsville Academy has proposed to the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation three weeks for the 2011 Science Enrichment Program. Their 1st choice is the week of September 19.

Alliance report - Jim Butcher reported that BARC has submitted an application to join the Baltimore - Washington Chamber of Commerce. The FAR-B application for membership has not yet been submitted. Jim also reported that a letter has been forwarded to ensure that BARC is included in the Maryland Federal Facilities list. Jim discussed the Civilian Property Realignment Act whereby the OMB is proposing to reduce the federal property footprint.

Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag reported that to date approximately 35 people had expressed their intent to attend the June 26 Friendship Day.

New business:

Options were discussed for recognizing and honoring Vernon Pursel's contributions to

Minutes June 14, 2011 FAR-B Board of Directors

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Hank Becker, Jim Butler, David Chiswood, Jay Green, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Fredrick Hammerschlag, Phil Kearney, Don Keiser, Darwin Marshall, Dianne Odland, Lew Smith, Alma Solis, Allan Storer, Dick Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order.

Area Office update - Alma Solis on behalf of the BARC Associate Director, reported that Lisa Babus had been denied to ARS Headquarters and it was likely that the BARC Deputy Area Director position will be abolished. Alma also indicated that there was likely to be a reorganization of the ARS, Administrative and Fiscal Management Division.

Alma reported that Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack held a retreat involving 100 people, including all USDA agency heads, at BARC the previous week.

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National Visitor's Center - Jennifer Woodward-Greene discussed the Center's involvement in Secretary Vilsack's retreat at BARC and reported that the Center had hosted several other high level visitors the previous month.

Old Business & Committee Reports

Treasurer report - Dick Zimmerman distributed copies of a report detailing FAR-B's May and year to date income and expenditures.

Community Outreach - Dianne Odland indicated that the Beltz/He Academy has proposed to the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation three weeks for the 2011 Science Enrichment Program. Their 1st choice is the week of September 19.

Alliance report - Jim Butler reported that BARC has submitted an application to join the Beltz/He Academy. The FAR-B application for the Beltz/He Academy has not yet been submitted. Jim also reported that a letter has been forwarded to ensure that BARC is included in the Maryland Festival Facilities list. Jim discussed the Civilian Property Reclamation Act whereby the OMB is proposing to reduce the federal property footprint.

Friend Reining - Fredrick Hammerschlag reported that to date approximately 25 people had expressed their intent to attend the June 26 Friendship Day.

New Business

Options were discussed for recognizing and honoring Vernon Turner's contributions to

FAR-B. A motion was passed to present annually the Vernon G. Pursel Student Scientific Achievement Award to the winners of the High School poster competition at the BARC Poster Day

A decision was made to defer selection of a FAR-B vice president to replace Vernon Pursel until the September Board meeting.

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - Jan Anderson

B. Joint Office update - Joe Spence, Director

C. NAFIA-B update - John Peter Thompson - if available

D. National Visitor's Center - Jennifer Woodward-Cox

III. Old Business and Committee Reports

A. Secretary's report - Allan Street

B. Tobacco report - Dick Zimmerman

C. Community Outreach - Elaine O'Neil

D. Alliance - Ann Blitcher

E. Fund Raising - Freda Hamerich

F. Membership - Al Stone

G. Publicity - Hank Reiser

H. Combined Federal Campaign - Lew Smith

I. Administrator's Liaison - Dave Christman

IV. New Business

A. New Vice President: On our Web Site, Darwin Marshall is the VP

B. FAR-B's cooperation in the following:

1st Annual BARC-UMD Fall Symposium, Trends in Agriculture - October 10, 2011 - FAR-B is receiving the registration and will man the registration table (NEED HELP). Working with David Gonzalez.

BARC sponsored workshop "Workshop - Microarrays and Next-Generation Sequencing for Detection and Identification of Plant Viruses" November 13 - 18, 2011. John Hammond is coordinating this. FAR-B will be handling registration, etc.

C. War Matter - FAR-B needs to have a poster displayed in this. Please members of the Board.

D. Update FAR-B's Website

FAR-B. A motion was passed to present annually the Vernon G. Purcell Student Scientific Achievement Award to the winners of the High School poster competition at the HARC Poster Day.

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Agenda for the
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Board of Directors Meeting
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
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I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – Jim Anderson
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence, Director
- C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson – (if available)
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- A. Secretary's report – Allan Stoner
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Generation Sequencing for Detection and identification of Plant Viruses "
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handling registration, etc.

- C. Web Master - FAR-B needs to have a person dedicated to this. (New member
of the Board?)
- D. Update FAR-B's brochure

Friends of Agricultural Research - Holliston, MA
 Board of Executive Directors
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Introduction

- A. A new and improved version of the software
- B. A new and improved version of the software
- C. A new and improved version of the software
- D. A new and improved version of the software

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B. The new and improved version of the software is available for download from the website.

BARC sponsored workshop, "Workshop on the Use of the BARC System for the Assessment of Plant Viruses"

Web Meeting - If it needs to be a person's interest in this topic, please contact the BARC.

D. I found BARC's findings

Minutes Sept 13, 2011, FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Essex Finney, Jay Green, Dianne Odland, Jim Smith, Lew Smith, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Dick Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order.

National Visitors Center - Jennifer Woodward-Greene reported that the Center will close September 30. Exhibits are being dismantled and equipment and supplies are being relocated. Jennifer will be assigned to the Office of International Research Programs and will be largely working with international visitors. The Log Lodge will be used by the Natural Resources Conservation Service as a National Training Center.

Area Office update - Joe Spence stated that there had been numerous changes at BARC and in ARS during the summer. Allison Yates is the new Area Associate Director. The Deputy Area Director position has been abolished and Lisa Baldus remains as the Associate Director of ARS-Administrative and Financial, Management. ARS is creating a National Business Service Center effective October 1. The 2012 ARS budget remains up in the air. The Agency would remain in relatively good shape if the Senate version prevails, but would be in dismal shape if the House version prevails. Joe stated that Cathy Wotecki is essentially running the REE as a single research agency and she had submitted a single budget request for the three agencies involved. Joe reported that the Beltsville Area Office had lost \$300,000 of its discretionary funds.

Secretary's report - The minutes of the June meeting, which had been circulated electronically, were approved.

Treasurer's report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the past month and year - to-date income and expenses. Some discussion ensued on what to do with funds from maturing Certificates of Deposit.

Community Outreach - Dianne Odland reported that the Ag in the Classroom program at the Beltsville Academy has been scheduled for October 24-28, 2011. Dianne suggested that the Chair of the BARC Diversity Committee be invited to attend future FAR-B Board meetings.

Beltsville Alliance - Jim Butcher reported that both BARC and FAR-B were now members of the Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce and he discussed future sharing of information with H Walter Townshend President of the Chamber to develop strategies for how it and the Alliance can be of help to BARC. Jim stated that John Peter Thompson's appointment with NAL was ending and that he may be available to resume some activities with the Alliance.

Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood report that several BARC buildings experienced some water damage during the recent storms.

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New Business:

Jim Anderson reported that Darwin Murrell had agreed to serve as the FAR-B Vice President.

Jim also reported that FAR-B is handling registration for the 1st Annual BARC-UMD Fall Symposium - "Trends in Agriculture" and the BARD sponsored workshop - "Microarrays and Next-Generation Sequencing for Detection and Identification of Plant Viruses".

I. Introductions

A. Welcome Order and Introduction of Guests - Sam Anderson

B. Association update - Allison Vance, Assoc. Director

C. New York Update - John Peter Thompson - (if available)

D. Annapolis Area Diversity Task Force - Vanessa Galloway

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

A. Secretary's report - Allan Simon

B. Treasurer's report - Dick Zimmerman

C. Community Outreach - Diane O'Hara

D. Alliance - Sam Butcher

E. Fund Raising - Freda Hounstree

F. Membership - Al Simon

G. Policy - Dick Becker

H. Coordinated Federal Campaign - Lee Smith

I. Administration's Liaison - Dave Chelmsford

III. New Business

A. FAR-B cooperation in the following:

A. 1st Annual BARC-UMD Fall Symposium: Trends in Agriculture
October 20, 2015 - FAR-B is co-sponsoring the registration and will run the registration table (NEED HELP) - Working with David Corcoran

B. Update IAGRI's brochure

C. Greenhouse signs

D. Science Fairs

Jim Anderson reported that Darwin Merrill had agreed to serve as the FAR-B Vice President.

Jim also reported that FAR-B is handling registration for the 1st Annual BABC-4/MD Fall Symposium - "Trends in Agriculture" and the BABC sponsored workshop - "Sustainability and Next-Generation Sequencing for Detection and Identification of Plant Viruses".

Agenda for the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center Room 238, Bld 003
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, October 11, 2011 - 12:00 (Noon)

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – Jim Anderson
- B. Area Office update – Allison Yates, Assoc. Director
- C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson – (if available)
- D. Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce – Verneta Gaskens

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report – Allan Stoner
- B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach –Dianne Odland
- D. Alliance – Jim Butcher
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

A. FAR-B's cooperation in the following:

A. 1st Annual BARC-UMD Fall Symposium: Trends in Agriculture-
October 20, 2011 - FAR-B is collecting the registration and will man the
registration table (NEED HELP). Working with David Donovan.

B. Update FAR-B's brochure

C. Greenstone signs

D. Science Fairs

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I. Introduction

- A. Introduction and background of the study
- B. Literature review
- C. Research objectives and scope
- D. Organization of the paper

II. Materials and Methods

- A. Materials
- B. Methods
- C. Data collection
- D. Data analysis
- E. Results and discussion
- F. Conclusion
- G. Acknowledgment
- H. References
- I. Appendix

III. Results and Discussion

A. Results and Discussion

The results of the study are presented in this section. The first part of the results discusses the performance of the proposed system in terms of accuracy and efficiency. The second part discusses the impact of the proposed system on the environment and the economy.

B. Performance of the proposed system

C. Environmental impact

D. Economic impact

Minutes - Oct 11, 2011 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Bill Conway, Verneta Gaskens, Freddi Hammerschlag, Jimmie Mowder, Dianne Odland, Jim Smith, Allan Stoner, John Peter Thompson, Allison Yates, Richard Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order and introduced Jimmie Mowder and Bill Conway as potential new Board members.

Area Office Update - Allison Yates, BARC Associate Director, reported that ARS will retain 8 Areas, but is eliminating the current Area Service Centers and creating 3 Service Centers to handle all administrative functions. The Centers will initially be virtual although the ultimate goal is to have the employees co-located. Twelve positions from BARC will move to the Eastern Service Center. No changes are planned for the BARC Institutes and Centers. ARS plans for the Area Offices to assume a larger role for managing research programs. The Agency is on a continuing resolution, that contains a 1.4% cut in funds, until November 18. The House version of the FY 2012 budget includes a 12 to 13 % cut in funding for ARS, while the Senate version essentially mirrors the Presidents budget proposal, which would reduce the agency funding by \$30 million. ARS has been under a hiring moratorium since June and all hiring requests require the approval of an Associate Administrator. Allison reported that OPM has approved an early out buyout for ARS employees during a Dec 5 - Dec 13 window and that 521 employees are eligible to receive a maximum of \$25,000. Lastly, Allison reported that the Natural Resources Conservation Service is now renting the Log Lodge and space on the 4th floor of Building 003.

Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce - Verneta Gaskens discussed some of the wide variety of programs that the taskforce had sponsored during the past 3 years, including the Black History and Hispanic History celebrations She indicated that more than 500 students, teachers and scientists visited the Student Discovery Garden during the summer of 2011. The Garden will be revamped for the next season, but the focus will be essentially unchanged. Although very successful in 2011, the Graduate Student Symposium will not be held in 2012, but will be reinstated in 2013..

NARA-B update - John Peter Thompson reported that BARC Director Joe Spence and NAL Director Simon Liu will meet with the Prince George's County Executive on October 27. Members of the NARA-B Board will be in attendance. John Peter is attempting to arrange a similar meeting with the Prince George's County Council. John Peter reported that the Alliance now has a facebook page, but its website needs to be refreshed. Jimmie Mowder agreed to attempt to provide needed IT support for the Alliance. Jim Butcher reported that during a recent meeting, Joe Spence expressed to him a concern about a possible merger of the Beltsville and North Atlantic Areas.

Secretary's report - The minutes of the October meeting, which had been circulated electronically, were approved.

Treasurer's report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the past month and year-

Minutes - Oct 11, 2011 EAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Jim Buncher, David Christwood, Bill Conway, Verne Gaskens, Eric Jell
Hammertag, Jimmie Mowder, Diane O'Neil, Jim Smith, Allan Storer, John Peter
Thompson, Allison Yates, Richard Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order and introduced Jimmie Mowder and Bill Conway as potential new Board members.

Area Office Update - Allison Yates, BARC Associate Director, reported that ARS will retain 8 Areas, but is eliminating the current Area Service Centers and creating 3 Service Centers to handle all administrative functions. The Centers will initially be virtual although the ultimate goal is to have the employees co-located. Twelve positions from BARC will move to the Eastern Service Center. No changes are planned for the BARC Institute and Center. ARS plans for the Area Offices to assume a larger role for managing research programs. The Agency is on a continuing resolution that contains a 1.4% cut in funds until November 18. The House version of the FY 2012 budget includes a 12 to 13% cut in funding for ARS, while the Senate version essentially mirrors the President's budget proposal, which would reduce the agency funding by \$30 million. ARS has been under a hiring moratorium since June and all hiring requests require the approval of an Associate Administrator. Allison reported that OPM has approved an early out payout for ARS employees during a Dec 2 - Dec 13 window and that 521 employees are eligible to receive a maximum of \$25,000. Lastly, Allison reported that the Natural Resources Conservation Service is now renting the Log Lodge and space on the 4th floor of Building 003.

Bellville Area Diversity Taskforce - Verne Gaskens discussed some of the wide variety of programs that the taskforce had sponsored during the past 3 years, including the Black History and Hispanic History celebrations. She indicated that more than 200 students, teachers and scientists visited the Student Discovery Garden during the summer of 2011. The Garden will be revamped for the next season, but the focus will be essentially unchanged. Although very successful in 2011, the Graduate Student Symposium will not be held in 2012, but will be reinstated in 2013.

NARA-2 update - John Peter Thompson reported that BARC Director Joe Spence and NAL Director Simon Lin will meet with the Prince George's County Executive on October 27. Members of the NARA-B Board will be in attendance. John Peter is attempting to arrange a similar meeting with the Prince George's County Council. John Peter reported that the Alliance now has a feedback page, but its website needs to be refreshed. Jimmie Mowder agreed to attempt to provide needed IT support for the Alliance. Jim Buncher reported that during a recent meeting, Joe Spence expressed to him a concern about a possible merger of the Bellville and North Atlantic Areas.

Secretary's report - The minutes of the October meeting, which had been circulated electronically, were approved.

Treasurer's report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the past month and year-

to-date income and expenses. Dick reported that \$1,920 had been contributed to the Vernon Pursel Memorial Fund. He reported that FAR-B will receive \$30/share for the DPL stock it owned following the company's pending merger. A brief discussion ensued on how FAR-B funds should be invested to maximize return yet maintain their safety. It was suggested that a small group from the Board and/or general membership should develop some recommendations for consideration by the full Board.

Community Outreach - Dianne Odland reported that the Ag in the Classroom at the Beltsville Academy will be held October 24 - 28 and that she was preparing a schedule for FAR-B volunteers to assist with the program.

Combined Federal Campaign - Lew Smith represented FAR-B at the kickoff for the 2012 ARS campaign held the previous Thursday..

Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag reported that a flyer announcing the upcoming poinsettia sale was ready to be distributed to FAR-B members and the BARC staff.

New Business -

Jim Anderson reported that FAR-B is collecting the registration for the BARC-UMD Fall Symposium "Trends in Agriculture" scheduled for October 20.

A request submitted by Matt Greenstone for funds for signage was approved.

A brief discussion was held on FAR-B's support for 2012 science fairs in nearby county school systems.

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Community Outreach - Dianne Odland reported that the AG in the Classroom at the Bettisville Academy will be held October 24 - 28 and that she was preparing a schedule for FAR-B volunteers to assist with the program.

Combined Federal Campaign - Lew Smith represented FAR-B at the kickoff for the 2012 AARS campaign held the previous Thursday.

Fund Raising - Fredrick Hammettschlag reported that a flyer announcing the upcoming poiseville sale was ready to be distributed to FAR-B members and the BARG staff.

New Business - Jim Anderson reported that FAR-B is collecting the registration for the BARG-UBD Fall Symposium "Trends in Agriculture" scheduled for October 29.

A request submitted by Matt O'Connell for funds for signage was approved.

A brief discussion was held on FAR-B's support for 2012 science fairs in nearby county schools.

Agenda for the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

Room 238, Bld 003

Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, November 8, 2011 - 12:00 (Noon)

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – Jim Anderson
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence, Director
- C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson – (if available)
- D. Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce – Verneta Gaskens

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report – Allan Stoner
- B. Treasurers report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach –Dianne Odland
- D. Alliance – Jim Butcher
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

- A. FAR-B's cooperation in the following:
 - 1. BARD-sponsored Workshop: Microarrays and Next-Generation Sequencing for Detection and Identification of Plant Viruses - John Hammond
 - 2. Help the Crop Systems and Global Change Laboratory with the 42nd Biological Systems Simulation Conference; April 17-19, 2012 Dennis Timlin
- B. Update FAR-B's brochure and web site
- C. Science Fairs

Agenda for the
 Friends of the University of Wisconsin - Madison
 Board of Trustees Meeting
 Monday, November 15, 2010
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
 University of Wisconsin - Madison
 Board of Trustees Meeting

I. Business

- A. Call to Order and Invocation of the Spirit - Rev. Dr. James
 B. Approval of Minutes - Rev. Dr. James
 C. Approval of Resolutions - Rev. Dr. James
 D. Report of the President - Rev. Dr. James

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Rev. Dr. James
 B. Treasurer's Report - Rev. Dr. James
 C. Committee Reports - Rev. Dr. James
 D. Approval of the Budget
 E. Fundraising - Rev. Dr. James
 F. Membership - Rev. Dr. James
 G. Technology - Rev. Dr. James
 H. International Relations - Rev. Dr. James
 I. Administration - Rev. Dr. James

III. New Business

- A. Presentation of the Report
 B. Presentation of the Report
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 Z. Presentation of the Report

Minutes - Nov 8, 2011 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Essex Finney, Vernetta Gaskins, Jimmie Mowder, Dianne Odland, Lew Smith, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, John Teasdale, John Peter Thompson, Dick Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order and announced that Jimmie Mowder, Bill Conway and John Teasdale had agreed to serve on the Board of Directors.

Area Office Update - Joe Spence reported that ARS remained on a continuing resolution that is due to expire Nov 18. The current version of the 2012 Senate appropriation bill would result in a \$39 million cut to ARS and the House version would result in a \$120 million cut. The expectation is that the final legislation will be approximately ½ way between the two. It is anticipated that 10 ARS locations will be closed and personnel will be transferred to other locations including BARC. Joe indicated that he expects there will be some reorganization at BARC during the next year. Joe expressed a hope that BARC will have a Field Day next June, but it is unclear if there will be sufficient funds to cover the cost. He indicated that agriculture will be a part of the Smithsonian Institution's Folk Life Festival next summer.

NARA-B update - John Peter Thompson reported that he had met with an official of the Maryland Department of Tourism and they are interested in marketing BARC. He indicated that he was considering how State funding could be used to develop a community outreach and docent program to help assume some of the role of the Visitors Center before it closed. He envisions the funds would be channeled through FAR-B. Joe Spence indicated that he would be interested in John Peter and FAR-B exploring the idea. A motion was passed to have John Peter develop a proposal detailing how such a program would work.

John Peter reported that the anticipated meeting of the BARC and NAL Directors with the PG County Executive, Rushern Baker, did not take place, but that he and Essex Finney had a fruitful meeting with an Executive Aide of Mr. Baker. John Peter indicated that the Maryland Secretary of Economic Development plans to visit BARC in January.

Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce - Vernetta Gaskins discussed some of the programs such as the Spanish Heritage Celebration, the Student Discovery Garden, the Disabilities Awareness Month and the Native American Celebration the taskforce has sponsored or been involved in during the last year.

Secretary's report - The minutes of the October meeting, which had been circulated electronically, were approved.

Treasurer's report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the past month and year- to-date income and expenses. Dick indicated that the Dayton Power & Light Co merger had passed and that FAR-B will get \$30 a share for the approximately 471 DPL shares it owns. Jim Anderson stated that he had asked Lew Smith, Allan Stoner and Bill Wergin to develop some recommendations for the Board to consider for possible ways to invest the proceeds of the sale of

Minutes - May 8, 2011 FAFB Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Hank Becker, Don Butler, David Chittwood, Cassie Finney, Michael Gaskins, Jimmie Howland, Thomas O'Brien, Peter Smith, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, John Thompson, John Peter Thompson, Dick Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order and announced that Jimmie Howland, Hill Country and John Teasdale had agreed to serve on the Board of Directors.

Area Office Update - Joe Spence reported that A&S returned to a continuing resolution that is due to expire Nov 18. The current version of the 3012 Survey appropriation bill would result in a 5% addition to A&S and the House version would result in a 2150 addition to the appropriation. It is his opinion that the final legislation will be approximately 1% less between the two. It is anticipated that the A&S locations will be closed and personnel will be transferred to other locations including BARC. Joe indicated that he expects there will be some reorganization at BARC during the next year. Joe expressed a hope that BARC will have a field day near here but it is unclear if there will be sufficient funds to cover the cost. He indicated that approximately 1/3 of the 2011-2012 budget will be a part of the Smithsonian Institution's 100th anniversary celebration.

KARA-B Update - John Peter Thompson reported that he had met with an official of the Langford Foundation of London and they are interested in making BARC. He indicated that he was considering how state funding could be used to develop a community outreach and local program to help assume some of the costs of the Visitor Center before it closed. He noted that the funds would be channeled through KARA-B. Joe Spence indicated that he would be interested in John Peter and KARA-B exploring the local economy and would be interested in developing a proposal detailing how such a program would work.

John Peter reported that the anticipated meeting of the BARC and NAL Directors with the PG&C County Executive, Rusty Baker, did not take place, but that he and Cassie Finney had a meeting with the Executive. John Peter indicated that the Langford Foundation is planning to visit BARC in January.

Historic Area Advisory Taskforce - Victor and others discussed some of the programs such as the Spanish Heritage Celebration, the Student Discovery Center, the Teasdale-Armstrong Center and the Native American Center and the visitor center sponsored or soon to be opened during the last year.

Secretary's report - The minutes of the October meeting, which had been circulated electronically, were approved.

Treasurer's report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the past month and year-to-date income and expenses. Dick indicated that the Region Power & Light Co. meter had passed and that KARA-B will pay \$30 a month for the approximately 171 1/2 acres it owns. Jim Anderson stated that he had asked Peter Smith, Allan Stoner and Bill W. to begin to develop some recommendations for the Board to consider for possible ways to assist the proceeds of the sale of

the DPL stock and CDs that are due to mature in the near term.

Community Outreach - Dianne Odland reported that the Ag in the Classroom program that FAR-B co-sponsored at the Beltsville Academy October 24 - 28 was a success. A followup meeting will be sought to determine if the school planned to follow through on a poster contest and to get their feedback of the program and their interest in a program the next school year.

Publicity - Hank Becker reported that he will begin work to update the FAR-B brochure.

New Business - Jim Anderson reported that FAR-B is cooperating with the organizers of the upcoming BARD-sponsored Workshop: Microarrays and Next-Generation Sequencing for Detection and Identification of Plant Viruses and helping the Crop Systems and Global Change Laboratory with the 42nd Biological Systems Simulation Conference scheduled for April 21-22.

A brief discussion was held on FAR-Bs continuing involvement judging middle school science fairs in nearby counties.

FAR-B update - John Peter Thompson reported that he had met with an official of the Maryland Department of Tourism and they are interested in marketing BARD. He indicated that he was considering how State funding could be used to develop a community outreach and education program to help recover some of the costs of the Visitor Center before it closed. He mentioned the funds would be channeled through FAR-B. Joe Swans indicated that he would be interested in John Peter and FAR-B exploring the idea. A motion was passed to have John Peter develop a proposal detailing how such a program would work.

John Peter reported that the anticipated meeting of the BARD and NAL Directors with the PG County Executive, Robert Baker, did not take place, but that he and Frank Henry had a fruitful meeting with an Executive Aide of Mr. Baker. John Peter indicated that the Maryland Secretary of Economic Development plans to visit BARD in January.

Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce - Wineta Gaskins discussed some of the programs such as the Spanish Heritage Celebration, the African Discovery Center, the Diversity Awareness Month and the Native American Celebration the taskforce has organized or been involved in during the last year.

Secretary's report - The minutes of the October meeting, which had been circulated electronically, were approved.

Treasurer's report - Dick Zimmerman presented a report that detailed the past month and year-to-date income and expenses. Dick indicated that the Thorton Power & Light Co merger had passed and that FAR-B will get \$30 a share for the approximately 471 DPL shares it owns. Jim Anderson noted that he had asked Lew Smith, Allan Sinner and Bill Wiggins to develop some recommendations for the Board to consider the possible ways to invest the proceeds of the sale of

Minutes - Nov 8, 2011 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Essex Finney, Vernetta Gaskins, Jimmie Mowder, Dianne Odland, Lew Smith, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, John Teasdale, John Peter Thompson, Dick Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order and announced that Jimmie Mowder, Bill Conway and John Teasdale had agreed to serve on the Board of Directors.

Area Office Update - Joe Spence reported that ARS remained on a continuing resolution that is due to expire Nov 18. The current version of the 2012 Senate appropriation bill would result in a \$39 million cut to ARS and the House version would result in a \$120 million cut. The expectation is that the final legislation will be approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ way between the two. It is anticipated that 10 ARS locations will be closed and personnel will be transferred to other locations including BARC. Joe indicated that he expects there will be some reorganization at BARC during the next year. Joe expressed a hope that BARC will have a Field Day next June, but it is unclear if there will be sufficient funds to cover the cost. He indicated that agriculture will be a part of the Smithsonian Institution's Folk Life Festival next summer.

NARA-B update - John Peter Thompson reported that he had met with an official of the Maryland Department of Tourism and they are interested in marketing BARC. He indicated that he was considering how State funding could be used to develop a community outreach and docent program to help assume some of the role of the Visitors Center before it closed. He envisions the funds would be channeled through FAR-B. Joe Spence indicated that he would be interested in John Peter and FAR-B exploring the idea. A motion was passed to have John Peter develop a proposal detailing how such a program would work.

John Peter reported that the anticipated meeting of the BARC and NAL Directors with the PG County Executive, Rushern Baker, did not take place, but that he and Essex Finney had a fruitful meeting with an Executive Aide of Mr. Baker. John Peter indicated that the Maryland Secretary of Economic Development plans to visit BARC in January.

Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce - Vernetta Gaskins discussed some of the programs such as the Spanish Heritage Celebration, the Student Discovery Garden, the Disabilities Awareness Month and the Native American Celebration the taskforce has sponsored or been involved in during the last year.

Secretary's report - The minutes of the October meeting, which had been circulated electronically, were approved.

Treasurer's report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the past month and year- to-date income and expenses. Dick indicated that the Dayton Power & Light Co merger had passed and that FAR-B will get \$30 a share for the approximately 471 DPL shares it owns. Jim Anderson stated that he had asked Lew Smith, Allan Stoner and Bill Wergin to develop some recommendations for the Board to consider for possible ways to invest the proceeds of the sale of

the DPL stock and CDs that are due to mature in the near term.

Community Outreach - Dianne Odland reported that the Ag in the Classroom program that FAR-B co-sponsored at the Beltsville Academy October 24 - 28 was a success. A followup meeting will be sought to determine if the school planned to follow through on a poster contest and to get their feedback of the program and their interest in a program the next school year.

Publicity - Hank Becker reported that he will begin work to update the FAR-B brochure.

New Business - Jim Anderson reported that FAR-B is cooperating with the organizers of the upcoming BARD-sponsored Workshop: Microarrays and Next-Generation Sequencing for Detection and Identification of Plant Viruses and helping the Crop Systems and Global Change Laboratory with the 42nd Biological Systems Simulation Conference scheduled for April 21-22.

A brief discussion was held on FAR-Bs continuing involvement judging middle school science fairs in nearby counties.

the DPL stock and CDs that are due to mature in the near term.

Community Outreach - Diane Odland reported that the AG in the Classroom program that FARRH co-sponsored at the Jettville Academy October 24 - 28 was a success. A follow-up meeting will be sought to determine if the school planned to follow through on a poster contest and to get their feedback of the program and their interest in a program the next school year.

Publicity - Hank Becker reported that he will begin work to update the FARRH brochure.

New Business - Jim Anderson reported that FARRH is cooperating with the organizers of the upcoming BARO-sponsored Workshop: Microarrays and Next-Generation Sequencing for Detection and Identification of Plant Viruses and helping the Crop Systems and Global Change Laboratory with the 42nd Biological Systems Simulation Conference scheduled for April 21-23.

A brief discussion was held on FARRHs continuing involvement judging middle school science fairs in nearby counties.

Agenda for the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Room 238, Bld 003
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, December 13, 2011 - 12:00 (Noon)

LUNCHEON AT NOON FOLLOWED BY BUSINESS MEETING

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – Jim Anderson
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence. Director
- C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson – (if available)
- D. Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce – Verneta Gaskens

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report – Allan Stoner
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- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

- A. FAR-B's cooperation in the following:
 - 1. Help the Crop Systems and Global Change Laboratory with the 42nd Biological Systems Simulation Conference; April 17-19, 2012 Dennis Timlin
- B. Update FAR-B's brochure and web site
- C. Science Fairs
- D. News Letter and call for dues. We can save some money by the combining the two.

LECTURES AT NEW YORK BY DR. J. H. H. H. H.

I. Introduction

- A. The first lecture, on the history of the lecture.
- B. The second lecture, on the history of the lecture.
- C. The third lecture, on the history of the lecture.
- D. The fourth lecture, on the history of the lecture.

II. Old English and the American Lecture

- A. The first lecture, on the history of the lecture.
- B. The second lecture, on the history of the lecture.
- C. The third lecture, on the history of the lecture.
- D. The fourth lecture, on the history of the lecture.
- E. The fifth lecture, on the history of the lecture.
- F. The sixth lecture, on the history of the lecture.
- G. The seventh lecture, on the history of the lecture.
- H. The eighth lecture, on the history of the lecture.
- I. The ninth lecture, on the history of the lecture.

III. New English

- A. The first lecture, on the history of the lecture.
- B. The second lecture, on the history of the lecture.
- C. The third lecture, on the history of the lecture.
- D. The fourth lecture, on the history of the lecture.
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- H. The eighth lecture, on the history of the lecture.
- I. The ninth lecture, on the history of the lecture.

Minutes - December 13, 2011 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Essex Finney, Vernetta Gaskins, Jay Green, Darwin Murrell, Dianne Odland, Jim Smith, Lew Smith, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, John Peter Thompson, Dick Zimmerman

Following a Holiday Luncheon, Jim Anderson called the meeting to order.

Area Office Update - Joe Spence reported that the ARS FY 2012 budget is reduced by \$39 million from the FY 2011 level. Ten ARS locations will close in FY2012, but all affected personnel will be offered a job within the agency. ARS will impose a 0.7% tax on all units to cover all personnel relocation costs. The Weslaco, TX honey bee research project will be relocated to BARC. Individuals from other locations may relocate to BARC as well. Dr. Knipling has indicated that although some Areas have been devastated by the budget cuts, he is committed to maintaining 8 Areas. The proposed reorganization of the ARS Service Centers is on hold.

Joe indicated that there will be a reorganization of BARC during 2012. He also reported that BARC scientist Ronald Fayer has been elected to the ARS Science Hall of Fame.

NARA-B update - John Peter Thompson reported that he is attempting to arrange for Joe Spence and NAL Director Simon Liu to meet with officials from the Maryland Economic Development Office in January 2012. Also, John Peter anticipates that the Maryland Federal Facilities Advisory Board will visit BARC in 2012.

John Peter reported that following the discussion at the November Board meeting, he had continued to develop a plan to help educate the general public about BARC. He discussed plans to apply for a \$50,000 grant from the Maryland Bureau of Tourism and seek required matching funds from other sources. John Peter proposes that if successful, the funds would come to FAR-B and that he would write a contract with FAR-B to work as a sub-contractor rather than as an employee. FAR-B would recover 10 to 15% for its administrative costs. If the grant application is successful, the funds would serve as seed money to support the program for 12 to 24 months. John Peter envisions that FAR-B would help with suggestions, reviews of presentations, etc, but have no financial obligations other than paying him as a subcontractor.

Darwin Murrell made a motion to give John Peter the authority to develop a proposal to flesh out the details of the project, including possible legal questions, and write a grant proposal and seek matching funds then report back to the FAR-B Board in early January 2012. Jim Butcher seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce - Vernetta Gaskins indicated that the Taskforce's goal is to promote BARC and to help hire and maintain quality staff at BARC. She reported that they are trying to get more community support for the Student Garden and that over 1,200 pounds of produce from the garden was donated to needy in 2011.

Secretary's report - The minutes of the November meeting, which had been circulated

electronically, were accepted.

Treasurer's report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the past month's and year-to-date income and expenses. Dick reported that FAR-B should soon receive \$14,142.56 from the sale of the Dayton Power & Light Co. stock. Dick reported that with these funds and maturing CD's, FAR-B will have \$35,000 available for investment. Jim Anderson asked Lew Smith to report on the discussions he and Allan Stoner had on possibly investment options. Lew stated that they had discussed several possibilities that they felt were relatively safe, yet would produce income that would exceed inflation. Allan Stoner made a motion that FAR-B invest \$17,500 in the Vanguard Wellington Mutual Fund and \$17,500 in the Permanent Portfolio Mutual Fund. Hank Becker seconded the motion and it passed.

Community Outreach - Dianne Odland reported that earlier in the morning she, Jim Anderson, Jim Butcher Jay Green and Allan Stoner had met with Leslie Lowe, Vice Principal of the Beltsville Academy, to review the October Ag in the Classroom program and to discuss continuing the program in 2012. All agreed that the program was very successful and should continue. At the meeting, posters depicting what students in one of the classes had learned were received. FAR-B will award prizes for the three best posters and certificates to all others.

Publicity - Hank Becker reported that he was working on updating the FAR-B brochure and he would send the revised text to the Board to review.

Agenda for the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Room 238, Bld 003
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, January 10, 2012 - 12:00 (Noon)

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – Jim Anderson
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence. Director
- C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson – (if available)
- D. Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce – Verneta Gaskens

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report – Allan Stoner
- B. Treasurers report – (Draft of new budget) Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach – ?
- D. Alliance – Jim Butcher
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

- A. FAR-B's cooperation in the following:
 - 1. Discuss proposed program by Rachel Anderson and Dave Prevar and how does this fit into the B.A. Diversity Taskforce Program?
 - 2. Discuss the proposed Visitor Center program of John Peter Thompson
- B. Update FAR-B's brochure and web site
- C. Science Fairs

Minutes - January 10, 2112 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Bill Conway, Essex Finney, Vernetta Gaskins, Freddi Hammerschlag, Jimmie Mowder, Darwin Murrell, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, John Teasdale, Dick Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order.

Area Office Update - Joe Spence referenced the January 9 speech that Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack delivered to the American Farm Bureau annual convention in which he discussed the closure of USDA facilities including 10 ARS locations. All displaced ARS employees will be guaranteed one alternative job. Joe indicated that less than 300 ARS employees took advantage of the recent early retirement buyout, but he did not yet have a list of BARC employees who opted to retire. ARS now has approximately 700 vacancies. The President's FY 2013 is scheduled to be released on February 6 .

Joe reported that BARC continues to receive repair and maintenance funds, but no longer has any modernization funds other than the stimulus funds. He indicated that Building 307 badly needs to be renovated, but there are no funds available.

Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce - Vernetta Gaskins reported that the theme for the 2012 programs sponsored by the Taskforce will be "Education Empowerment". She reported that the Student Garden will open May 23 and that interest in the garden is already showing up. More literature about the garden and information for presentations is being developed.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the December meeting, which had been circulated electronically, were accepted.

Treasurer's report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the December and 2011 income and expenses. Dick reported that while attempting to purchase mutual funds, as voted at the December meeting, he was made aware of changes in federal laws that require organizations purchasing securities to have a physical address, rather than just a post office box. This prompted him to look at the FAR-B Articles of Incorporation, the FAR-B By Laws and the MOU with ARS. In the process he discovered the need for several changes, or updates, to these documents. Subsequently, Essex Finney made a motion to form a committee to review the three documents, identify needed changes and report to the full Board at the February meeting. Jim Butcher seconded the motion and it passed. Jim Anderson appointed a committee comprised on himself, Darwin Murrell, Dick Zimmerman and Allan Stoner.

Dick presented and led discussion of a draft 2012 budget for FAR-B. Allan Stoner made a motion that the Board accept the proposed budget and Darwin Murrell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Community Outreach - Jim Butcher reported that on January 11 he, Jim Anderson and Jay Green will present prizes and certificates to Beltsville Academy students that had prepared

posters following the October Ag in the Classroom program.

Alliance - Jim Butcher reported that the Maryland Federal Facilities Advisory Board will meet at the NAL on January 20 and Joe Spence and NAL Director Simon Liu will make presentations to the Board. Jim pointed out that the Maryland Governor had expressed an interest in this activity and this in turn had resulted in considerable interest by the Maryland congressional delegation and Prince Georges County officials. Jim reported that the Board's visit was a direct result of BARC and FAR-B having joined the Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce. .

Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag reported that the 2011 poinsettia sale netted approximately \$300.

New Business -

It was agreed that FAR-B would not support financially a proposal it received titled Healthy Living Lunch and Learning Series.

Jim Anderson reported that John Peter Thompson had not developed a proposal to seek a grant to help educate the general public about BARC as discussed at the December 2011 FAR-B Board meeting.

It was agreed that FAR-B will provide judges for the upcoming Montgomery County Middle School Science Fair, but not the Prince Georges County and Howard County Fairs.

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Agenda for the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Room 238, Bld 003
Beltsville, Maryland

†**Tuesday, February 14, 2012 - 12:00 (Noon)**

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – Jim Anderson
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence. Director
- C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson – (if available)
- D. Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce – Verneta Gaskens (not attending)

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report – Allan Stoner
- B. Treasurers report – Dick Zimmerman (Report on CD's)
- C. Community Outreach – ?
- D. Alliance – Jim Butcher
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

- A. Annual meeting – Potential speakers?
- B. Ad Hoc committees: Finance committee to audit the books
- C. B-Laws

Minutes - February 14, 2012 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Freddi Hammerschlag, Jim Mowder, Darwin Murrell, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, Dick Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order.

Area Office Update - Joe Spence reported that the President's FY 2013 budget, which was released Feb, 13, includes a net increase of \$4.9 million for the Beltsville Area. The Food Quality research at Beltsville would be redirected, but the funding would be retained and moved to another Laboratory. Areas of emphasis in the budget include water conservation, genetic resources, climate change and human nutrition. As a result of the 2012 ARS closures 14 employees have been offered reassignments to BARC. To date 2 SY's and 1 support employee have committed to the transfer, 3 have indicated they will not accept the new assignment, and 8 have not made their intentions known. The reorganization of ARS Service Centers announced previously was made effective Feb 12, 2012. Joe agreed that renewing the Memorandum of Understanding between FAR-B and ARS needs to be given a high priority.

Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce - The Taskforce was not represented at the meeting, but a handout describing their upcoming activities was distributed. The Taskforce has requested \$3,325 from FAR-B to support their 2012 activities. Jim Anderson will notify Vernetta Gaskins that FAR-B has budgeted \$2,500.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the January income and expenses. Dick reported that the Tennessee Commerce Bank, which had issued 3 of the CDs currently held by FAR-B, was recently closed by the FDIC. The Republic Bank and Trust Co. has assumed their assets and FAR-B's funds are protected by the FDIC. To comply with FAR-B's Memorandum of Understanding with ARS, Jim Anderson indicated that he would request Darwin Murrell, Bill Wergin and Al DeMilo to audit the FAR-B financial records.

Community Outreach - Jim Butcher agreed to serve as FAR-B's primary contact with the Beltsville Academy.

Alliance - Jim Butcher reported that as a followup to the Maryland Federal Facilities Advisory Board's January visit to BARC, John Peter Thompson is trying to identify the CRADAs that BARC scientists have.

New Business:

By-Laws Revision - Jim Anderson reported that the Board's Executive Committee had met during the past month to review FAR-B's By-Laws. Darwin Murrell led a discussion of the committee's suggestions for their revision. Following discussion and incorporation of some additional modifications, the Board voted to accept the proposed changes and Dick Zimmerman agreed to prepare a final version that will be provided to the FAR-B membership prior to the

Minutes - February 14, 2012 FAIR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Jim Butler, David Chitwood, Fred Hammettschlag, Jim Munell, Darwin Murrell, Joe Spence, Adam Stone, Dick Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order.

Area Office Update - Joe Spence reported that the President's FY 2013 budget, which was released Feb. 13, includes a net increase of \$4.9 million for the Belleville Area. The Food Quality research at Belleville would be restricted, but the funding would be retained and moved to another laboratory. Areas of emphasis in the budget include water conservation, genetic resources, climate change and human nutrition. As a result of the 2012 AKS closure, 14 employees have been offered reassignments to BARC. To date 12 Y's and 1 support employee have committed to the transfer. I have indicated they will not accept the new assignment, and 3 have not made their intentions known. The reassignment of AKS Service Centers announced previously was made effective Jan 12, 2012. Joe agreed that revising the Memorandum of Understanding between FAIR-B and AKS needs to be given a high priority.

Belleville Area Diversity Taskforce - The Taskforce was not represented at the meeting, but a handout describing their upcoming activities was distributed. The Taskforce has requested \$7,335 from FAIR-B to support their 2012 activities. Jim Anderson will notify Vernetta Glasby that FAIR-B has budgeted \$2,500.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the January income and expenses. Dick reported that the Tennessee Community Bank, which had owned 3 of the CTRs currently held by FAIR-B, was recently closed by the FDIC. The Republic Bank and First Co. has assumed their assets and FAIR-B's funds are protected by the FDIC. To comply with FAIR-B's Memorandum of Understanding with AKS, Jim Anderson indicated that he would request Darwin Murrell, Bill Warren and Al DeMillo to audit the FAIR-B financial records.

Community Outreach - Jim Butler agreed to serve as FAIR-B's primary contact with the Belleville Academy.

Alliance - Jim Butler reported that as a followup to the Maryland Federal Facilities Academy Board's January visit to BARC, John Peter Thompson is trying to identify the CRADA that BARC scientists have

New Business:

By-Laws Revision - Jim Anderson reported that the Board's Executive Committee had met during the past month to revise FAIR-B's By-Laws. Darwin Murrell led a discussion of the committee's suggestions for their revision. Following discussion and input from all members, additional modifications, the Board voted to accept the proposed changes and Dick Zimmerman agreed to prepare a final version that will be provided to the FAIR-B membership prior to the

annual meeting, where the entire document will be voted on. Allan Stoner reported that he had submitted paperwork to the State of Maryland to change the Corporation's resident agent to Michael A. Stoner and its principal place of business to 1330 N. Main Street , PO Box 376, Hampstead, Maryland 21074.

Potential speakers for the upcoming annual meeting were discussed and Jim Anderson will contact them regarding availability and interest in participating.

Agenda for the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Room 238, Bld 003
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, March 13, 2012 - 12:00 (Noon)

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – Jim Anderson
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence. Director
- C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson – (if available)
- D. Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce – Verneta Gaskens

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report – Allan Stoner
- B. Treasurers report – Dick Zimmerman (interns)
- C. Community Outreach – Jim Butcher for the Beltsville Academy
- D. Alliance – Jim Butcher (Congressional testimony)
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

- A. Annual meeting – I've invited Dr. Woteki, but do not have a response yet.
- B. Ad Hoc committees: Finance committee to audit the books in April
- C. By-Laws

Minutes - March 13, 2012 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Essex Finney, Verneta Gaskens, Jim Mowder, Lew Smith, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, Dick Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order.

Area Office Update - Joe Spence reported that 3 candidates for the Director of BHNRC were interviewed the previous week. He also reported that GAO auditors would visit BARC on March 14 and that Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack would come to BARC on March 21 for an ask the Secretary program. ARS is still under a hiring freeze that is expected to be lifted by the middle of June. The agency needs \$39 million to cover the cost of moving employees affected by the recent location closures and plans to impose a 0.7% across the board cut. The renovation of Bldg 306 has been completed and is ready to be reoccupied.

BARC Diversity Taskforce - Verneta Gaskins reported that the Taskforce will sponsor a Women's History Program on March 21 and the Student Garden will open for the season on May 24. Verneta indicated that Taskforce plans to dedicate a tree on the BARC campus to FAR-B and Vernon Pursel.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the February and year to date income and expenses. After discussion, it was agreed that FAR-B would increase from \$2,500 to \$4,600 the amount it will allocate for each of the four 2012 summer interns it will sponsor.

Community Outreach - Jim Butcher will confirm with the Beltsville Academy that every is on track for the 2012 Ag in the Classroom program.

Alliance - Jim Butcher discussed the draft version of the FAR-B FY 2013 testimony for the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate in support of ARS and BARC. It was agreed that it was important to continue to send copies of the testimony to individual members of the Agriculture Appropriation Sub-Committees of the House and Senate.

New Business:

Jim Anderson reported that Freddi Hamerschlag had notified him of her intent to resign from the FAR-B Board.

Jim Anderson stated that he had contacted Under Secretary Cathy Wotecki's office about her speaking at the FAR-B annual meeting, but had not received a response. A possible backup speaker is Jeff Mervis, Deputy News Editor of Science.

An ad hoc committee comprised of Darwin Murrell, Bill Wergin and John Teasdale will audit the FAR-B financial records in April.

Minutes - March 13, 2013 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, David Chiswood, Peter Finner, Vernon Gaskens, Jim Mosler, Lew Smith, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, Dick Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order.

Area Office Update - Joe Spence reported that 3 candidates for the Director of BHRRC were interviewed the previous week. He also reported that GAO auditors would visit BARRC on March 14 and that Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack would come to BARRC on March 21 for an ask the Secretary program. ARS is still under a hiring freeze that is expected to be lifted by the middle of June. The agency needs \$39 million to cover the cost of moving employees affected by the recent location closures and plans to impose a 0.7% across the board cut. The renovation of Bldg 306 has been completed and is ready to be reoccupied.

BARRC Director's Taskforce - Vernon Gaskens reported that the Taskforce will sponsor a Women's History Program on March 21 and the Student Garden will open for the season on May 24. Vernon indicated that Taskforce plans to dedicate a tree on the BARRC campus to FAR-B and Vernon Pusch.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the February and year to date income and expenses. After discussion, it was agreed that FAR-B would increase from \$2,500 to \$4,000 the amount it will allocate for each of the four 2013 summer interns it will sponsor.

Community Outreach - Jim Butcher will continue with the Belleville Academy that every is on track for the 2013 Ag in the Classroom program.

Alliance - Jim Butcher discussed the draft version of the FAR-B FY 2013 testimony for the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate in support of ARS and BARRC. It was agreed that it was important to continue to send copies of the testimony to individual members of the Agriculture Appropriation Sub-Committee of the House and Senate.

New Business - Jim Anderson reported that Fredi Hamersching had notified him of her intent to resign from the FAR-B Board.

Jim Anderson stated that he had contacted Under Secretary Cindy Woelke's office about her speaking at the FAR-B annual meeting, but had not received a response. A possible backup speaker is Jeff Morley, Deputy News Editor of Science.

An ad hoc committee comprised of Darwin Mearns, Bill Weigelt and John Treadwell will audit the FAR-B financial records in April.

Jim Anderson and Dick Zimmerman will ensure that copies of the current and proposed new FAR-B by-laws are distributed to the FAR-B members one month prior to the May 8 annual meeting.

Agenda for the
Annual Meeting of the
Board of Directors
FAR-B
May 8, 2012

I. Opening

- 1. Roll call and introduction of members
- 2. Presentation of the FAR-B report
- 3. Presentation of the FAR-B report
- 4. Presentation of the FAR-B report

II. Business and Financial Report

- A. Financial report - Dick Zimmerman
- B. Operating report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Operating report - Dick Zimmerman
- D. Finance - Dick Zimmerman
- E. Fund raising - Dick Zimmerman
- F. Membership - Dick Zimmerman
- G. Fundraising - Dick Zimmerman
- H. Financial report - Dick Zimmerman
- I. Fundraising - Dick Zimmerman

III. New Business

- A. Annual meeting - The Board of Directors will meet on May 8, 2012 at the annual meeting.
- B. New business - The Board of Directors will meet on May 8, 2012 at the annual meeting.

Minutes - April 10, 2012 FARB Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda for the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Room 238, Bld 003
Beltsville, Maryland

†**Tuesday, April 10, 2012 - 12:00 (Noon)**

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – Jim Anderson
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence, Director
- C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson – (if available)
- D. Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce – Verneta Gaskens

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report – Allan Stoner
- B. Treasurers report – Dick Zimmerman (interns)
- C. Community Outreach – Jim Butcher for the Beltsville Academy
- D. Alliance – Jim Butcher
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

- A. Annual meeting – I've invited Dr. Woteki, but she cannot make it. I am working on another person.
- B. Ad Hoc committees: Finance committee to audit the books in April (Murrell, Wergin and Teasdale)

Minutes - April 10, 2012 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Essex Finney, Verneta Gaskens, Jim Mowder, Darwin Murrell, Lew Smith, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, Dick Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order.

Area Office Update - Joe Spence reported that Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack's March 21 question and answer session in the BARC Auditorium went well. Joe indicated that approximately 10 members of Congress and/or staff members are expected to visit BARC April 17 and members of the OMB staff are expected to visit BARC later in the month. Joe reported that an offer had been extended to one of the 3 candidates interviewed for the Director of BHNRC. Joe indicated that ARS will likely remain on a continuing resolution for the remainder of the fiscal year. If that happens the Agency will lose 7% of its FY 2011 budget.

BARC Diversity Taskforce - Verneta Gaskins reported that the Taskforce sponsored a very successful Women's History Program on March 21. On May 16 the Taskforce will sponsor an Asian, American Pacific Island program. The Student Garden will open for the season on May 24.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the March and year to date income and expenses. Dick indicated that Bill Wergin, Darwin Murrell and John Teasdale will audit the FAR-B financial records in April.

Community Outreach - Jim Butcher reported that he had not yet confirmed with the Beltsville Academy the plans for the 2012 Ag in the Classroom program.

Alliance - Jim Butcher indicated that the FAR-B FY 2013 testimony for the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate in support of ARS and BARC will be loaded on the Alliance Website.

Membership - A discussion was held on possible ways to recruit new members or get renewals.

Combined Federal Campaign - Lew Smith reported that he had received a letter indicating that FAR-B received \$6,997.92 in 2011.

New Business:

Jim Anderson reported that Freddi Hamerschlag had notified him of her intent to resign from the FAR-B Board.

Jim Anderson stated that Under Secretary Cathy Wotecki will not be available to speak at the FAR-B annual meeting, but Jeff Mervis, Deputy News Editor of Science has agreed to speak.

Agenda for the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Room 135, Bldg 005
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, May 15, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – Jim Anderson
- B. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson – (if available)
- C. Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce – Verneta Gaskens

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report – Allan Stoner
- B. Treasurers report – Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach – Jim Butcher for the Beltsville Academy
- D. Alliance – Jim Butcher
- E. Fund Raising -
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity – Hank Becker
- H. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

Agency for the
 Friends of Agricultural Research - Belleville, Inc.
 Board of Directors Meeting
 Belleville Agricultural Research Center
 Room 135, Bldg. 005
 Belleville, Maryland
 Tuesday, May 15, 2012 - 9:30 a.m.

Introduction

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - Jim Anderson
- B. NARA-B update - John Peter Thompson - (if available)
- C. Belleville Area Diversity Taskforce - Verneia Gaskens

I. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report - Alan Stoner
- B. Treasurer's report - Dick Zimmerman
- C. Committee Outreach - Jim Butler for the Belleville Academy
- D. Alliance - Jim Butler
- E. Fund Raising -
- F. Membership - Al Stoner
- G. Publicity - Hank Becker
- H. Combined Fundraising Campaign - I see Smith
- I. Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chiswood

II. New Business

Minutes - May 15, 2012 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, David Chitwood, Darwin Murrell, Lew Smith, Allan Stoner, and Dick Zimmerman. Hank Becker and Jim Butcher were involved in making preparations for the Annual Meeting scheduled to follow the Board meeting.

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order.

NARA-B update - Jim Anderson reported that the Prince Georges County Executive and several other local government officials are expected to visit BARC later in May.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the April and year to date income and expenses. Dick reported that he had completed preparation of FAR-B's annual tax forms.

Community Outreach - Jim Anderson reported that Jim Butcher had confirmed with the Beltsville Academy plans for the next school years's Ag in the Classroom program.

The brief meeting was adjourned to allow members of the Board to participate in the FAR-B Annual Meeting.

Minutes - May 15, 2012 FAR-B Annual Meeting

Jim Anderson welcomed the FAR-B members and guests. Jim then introduced the invited speaker, Jeffery Mervis, Deputy News Editor for Science. Mr. Mervis spoke on "The Science Budget: The Big Picture, and what it could mean for agricultural research.". Following his presentation, Mr. Mervis responded to numerous questions and comments from the audience.

Jim Anderson introduced Dr. Joe Spence, BARC Area Director for an update on BARC.

Following Dr. Spence's report, Jim Anderson reported on FAR-B's activities during the preceding 12 months. Jim then presented Ms. Tolulope Adetayo, a senior at Charles Herbert Flowers High School, the 1st annual Vernon G. Pursel Student Scientific Achievement Award. Ms. Adetayo had been awarded the 1st prize in the High School Division at the 2012 BARC Poster Day.

Allan Stoner nominated Jimmy Mowder to serve on the FAR-B Board of Directors and K. Darwin Murrell to serve as Vice President of the Board. The nominations were seconded and approved.

Darwin Murrell reported that the FAR-B Board of Directors felt that the organization's By-laws needed to be amended. Since several changes were involved, the proposed By-laws and the current By-laws had been sent to the voting members 30 days prior to May 15. The proposed By-laws were accepted without discussion.

Following adjournment, a light lunch was provided to FAR-B members, BARC employees and guests.

Minutes - June 12, 2012 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, Essex Finney, Jim Mowder, Darwin Murrell, Jim Smith, Lew Smith, Allan Stoner, Allison Yates, Dick Zimmerman

In Jim Anderson's absence Darwin Murrell called the meeting to order.

Area Office Update - Allison Yates, BA Associate Director, reported that the Senate had approved the President's FY 2013 budget for ARS, but that the House of Representatives had not acted on it. She indicated that there is still the potential for a 10% across the board funding cut. Allison indicated that due to significant savings in energy costs during FY 2012, \$600,000 was being returned to the BARC Laboratories. The FY 2014 ARS budget request includes funds for the renovation of Building 307. Dr. John Milner has been selected as the new Director of the BHNRC. effective July 1. John is on the staff of NIH and is familiar with the BHNRC programs. It was pointed out that FAR-B and ARS still have not renewed their outdated Cooperative Agreement

BARC Diversity Taskforce - Verneta Gaskins, Taskforce Chair, was attending the ARS Awards Ceremony where the Taskforce was receiving the ARS Administrator's Award for Outreach, Diversity, and Equal Opportunity. The award was in recognition of the development of the Student Discovery Garden and the Beltsville Area Graduate Student Agricultural Research Symposium, two programs FAR-B has supported. In her absence, Verneta sent a report that described upcoming events the Taskforce is sponsoring.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the May Board of Director's and Annual Membership meetings were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the May and year to date income and expenses. Dick reported that he planned to invest \$15,000 from maturing CDs equally in the two mutual funds the Board previously discussed.

NARA-B Update - Jim Butcher reported that a delegation from the Prince Georges County government, including the County Executive, is scheduled to tour BARC on June 20. Jim also commented on rumors that the FBI and Wal Mart had expressed interest in securing some BARC land.

CFC - Lew Smith reported that despite numerous attempts, he had been unable to establish contact with anyone from the CFC concerning FAR-B's participation in 2013.

Agenda for the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Room 126, Bldg 003
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, September 11, 2012 – Noon

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – Jim Anderson
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence, Director
- C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson – (if available)
- D. Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce – Verneta Gaskens

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report – Allan Stoner
- B. Treasurers report – Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach – Jim Butcher for the Beltsville Academy
- D. Alliance – Jim Butcher
- E. Membership - Al Stoner
- F. Publicity – Hank Becker
- G. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- H. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

- A. BARC/UMD Symposium
- B. Recruiting new BOD members

Minutes - September 11, 2012 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, Verneta Gaskins, Jim Mowder, Jim Smith, Lew Smith, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, Dick Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order.

Area Office Update - Joe Spence reported that John Milner has began duties as Director of the BHNRC. Joe indicated that he was hopeful that a reorganization of BARC would be effective October 1, but a demand by the employees union to negotiate the plan could delay its implementation. The closure of ARS locations earlier in the year resulted in 3 SYs and 2 support staff transferring to BARC. Joe stated that ARS will remain on a continuing resolution until at least March 2013. A possible 10% across the board cut in ARS funding remains uncertain as well as closure of the BARC Food Quality Laboratory

Joe reported that Prince Georges County Executive, Rushern Baker, and other county officials visited BARC on June 20. Congressman Steny Hoyer is scheduled to participate in the September 17 dedication of the renovated Building 306. On September 19 a group from AGree, a new initiative created to transform U.S. food and agriculture policy and co-chaired by former Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, is scheduled to visit BARC. Joe indicated that relocation of the FBI headquarters to BARC remains a possibility

Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce - Verneta Gaskins reported that the Student Discovery Garden hosted more than 1000 visitors in 2012. She discussed the Taskforce's efforts to help distribute produce grown at BARC to local food banks, etc. She reported that the Taskforce is planning several special emphasis events during upcoming months, including a Native American Day on November 15.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the June Board of Directors meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the August and year to date income and expense.

Community Outreach - Jim Butcher reported that the Ag in the Classroom mobile laboratory is scheduled to be at the Beltsville Academy October 22-26. Jim sought volunteers to assist with the program.

Membership - A discussion took place on possible strategies to increase the number of FAR-B associate members.

CFC - Lew Smith reported that FAR-B will not be participating in the 2013 CFC program, but plans are underway to get reinstated for 2014.

New Business - Jim Anderson reported that FAR-B is assisting with registration for the BARC/University of Maryland Symposium scheduled for October 18. Possible new Board members were discussed.

Agenda for the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Room 126, Bldg 003
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, October 9, 2012 – Noon

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – Jim Anderson
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence, Director
- C. NARA-B update – John Peter Thompson – (if available)
- D. Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce – Verneta Gaskens

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's report – Allan Stoner
- B. Treasurers report – Dick Zimmerman
- C. Community Outreach – Jim Butcher for the Beltsville Academy
- D. Alliance – Jim Butcher
- E. Membership - Al Stoner
- F. Publicity – Hank Becker
- G. Combined Federal Campaign – Lew Smith
- H. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

- A. BARC/UMD Symposium

Minutes October 9, 2012 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, Essex Finney, Verneta Gaskins, Jim Mowder, Darwin Murrell, Jim Smith, Lew Smith, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, Dick Zimmerman

Jim Anderson called the meeting to order

Area Office Update: Joe Spence reported that a reorganization of the Beltsville Area was effective October 1. The former BARC Institutes were eliminated and the restructured Area is now consistent with the other 7 ARS Areas. The Beltsville Area is now comprised of the Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center (BHNRC) and the U.S. National Arboretum (USNA). The former Laboratories, Units and Offices remain attached to these three units (see attached organizational chart). The remote worksites at Presque Isle, ME; Chatsworth, NJ; and McMinnville, TN remain a part of the Beltsville Area and continue to be attached to BARC and the USNA. Joe Spence continues as the Area Director and Wanda Collins will serve as the Acting Director of BARC until her planned retirement in December 2012. John Milner and Colien Hefferan will continue as Directors of the BHNRC and the USNA respectively. Joe stressed that the reorganization was program driven. He suggested that FAR-B should discuss whether it will serve as a support group of the Beltsville Area or BARC. Joe said that he favored FAR-B supporting the Beltsville Area.

Joe Spence reported that ARS had over budgeted for relocation of employees affected by the FY 2012 location closures, and as a result, Beltsville got year end funds in September to make significant equipment purchases and facility upgrades. Joe indicated that the Agree co-chairs, former Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman and Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Jim Moseley, had visited Beltsville on September 19. He said that his discussions with them were good and that Agree sensed that there was growing support for agricultural research in the U.S. However, due to the current economic climate, they felt that this was not likely to translate into increased financial support in the near future. Joe indicated that ARS will remain on a continuing funding resolution until March 27, 2013. The Beltsville Area currently has 260 -270 SYs, including vacancies.

Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce - Verneta Gaskins reported that during the past year the Diversity Taskforce was involved in the donation of approximately 2000 pounds of food grown at BARC to needy persons in the local area. She indicated that activities at the Student Discovery Garden were wrapping up for the year. She reported that the Taskforce will sponsor a Native American Heritage program on November 15..

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the September Board of Director's meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the September

and year to date income and expenditures. He indicated that to date, 113 people had registered for the October 18 Beltsville-University of Maryland Symposium. Dick discussed the difficulties that he had experienced in handling the registrations for the event.

Community Outreach - Jim Butcher reported that the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Mobile Science Lab is scheduled to be at the Beltsville Academy, October 22-26. Jim discussed the schedule for FAR-B volunteers to assist with the teaching program.

Alliance - Jim Butcher indicated that John Peter Thompson was essentially no longer involved in the Alliance. Jim briefly discussed the differences between the Beltsville Alliance and three other active Alliances in Maryland at Ft. Dietrick, the Aberdeen Proving Ground and the Goddard Space Flight Center. He pointed out that the latter locations all have large sums of money they pass through to government contractors, thus they have large groups of influential individuals and companies that are available to speak on their behalf and Beltsville does not.

Membership - Allan Stoner indicated that he would soon be mailing letters to Beltsville Area Research Leaders soliciting new FAR-B associate members.

CFC - Lew Smith reported that he had recently received a file from Vern Pursel's widow that contained much useful information on filing for participation in the CFC.

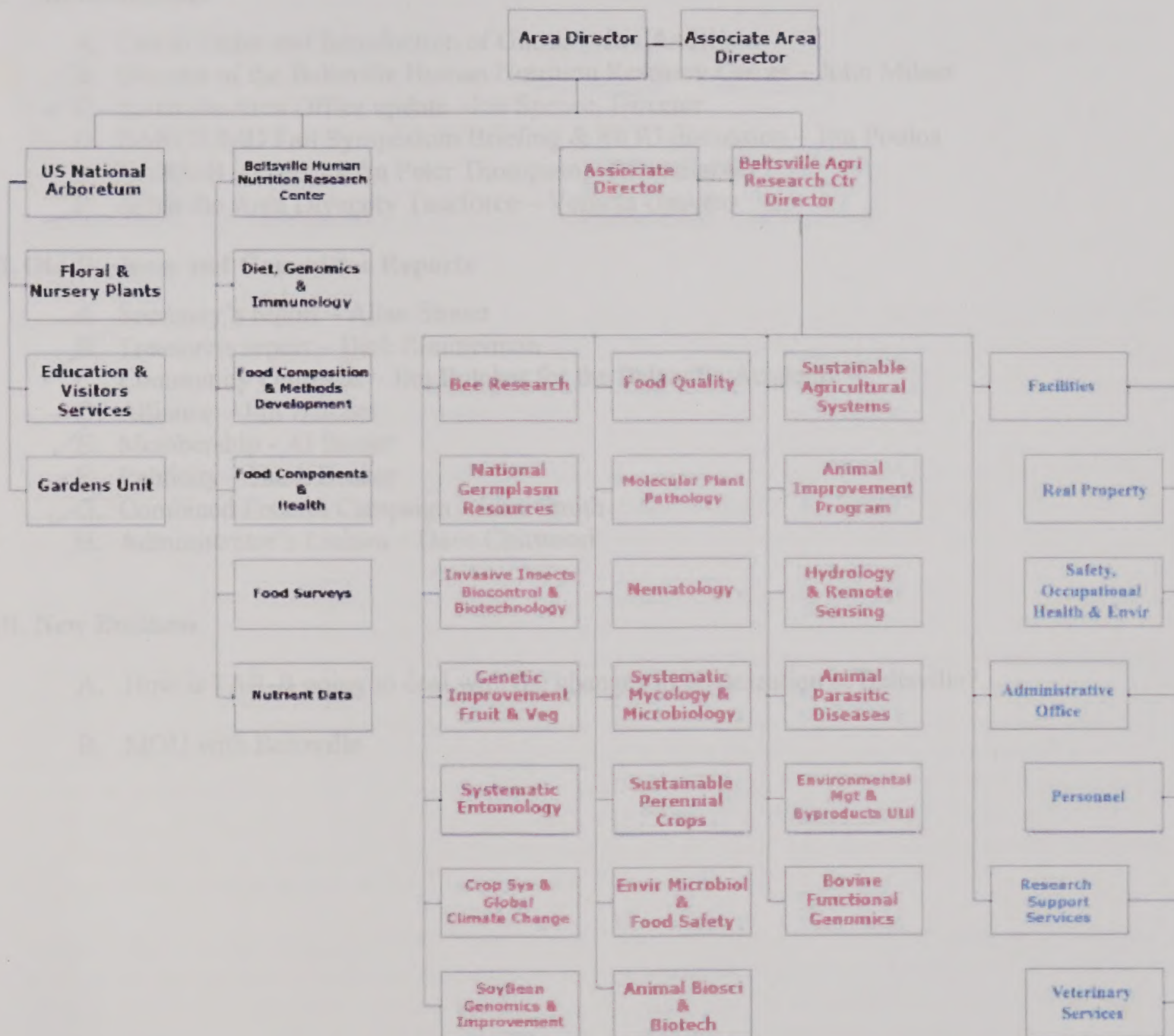


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Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Room 126, Bldg 003
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, November 13, 2012 – Noon

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- ✓ A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – Jim Anderson
- ✓ B. Director of the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center – John Milner
- ✓ C. Beltsville Area Office update – Joe Spence, Director
- D. BARC/UMD Fall Symposium Briefing & MOU discussion – Jim Poulos
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III. New Business

- A. How is FAR-B going to deal with the changes in organization at Beltsville?
- B. MOU with Beltsville

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Subject: Re: December FAR-B BOD's Meeting

Here is a draft of the minutes for the Nov Board meeting.

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Minutes - November 12, 2012 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees - Jim Anderson, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Verneta Gaskins, John Milner, Darwin Murrell, Jim Poulos, Jim Smith, Lew Smith, Joe Spence, Allan Stoner, Dick Zimmerman

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>Subject: December FAR-B BOD's Meeting

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>This is to remind everyone that the meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2012.

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>There is a special seminar that several want to attend:

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>2012- 2013 BHNRC SEMINAR SERIES

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>Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. (EST)

>Place: Building 307C, Conference Room 122, BARC-East

>Topic/Title: "A Historical Perspective About the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center"

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>Speaker: Dr. Gary Beecher, BHNRC Emeritus

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Jim Anderson called the meeting to order.

Beltsville Area update - Joe Spence was called to a meeting in Washington, thus was unable to attend. Prior to his departure, he reported to Jim Anderson that Steve Shafer had been selected as the Director of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center effective January 1 and Ellen Harris and Morse Solomon will be the Associate and Assistant Directors respectively. Joe indicated that if the pending "fiscal cliff" is not averted, ARS and the Beltsville Area will experience a 7.8% across the board cut in funding.

Beltsville Area Diversity Taskforce - Verneta Gaskens sent the Board a letter, with an attachment, requesting \$2,725 to support the Task Force's 2013 Special Emphasis Programs and initiatives associated with the Student Discovery Garden. Action on the request was tabled pending information on the Area Director's support of the request.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the November Board of Directors meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman distributed a report that detailed the November and year-to-date income and expenditures. Following discussion of the report, Dick distributed a proposed budget for 2013 for the Board's consideration. After discussion Allan Stoner made a motion to accept the proposed budget as presented. Jim Butcher seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Membership - Allan Stoner reported that he had sent two versions of a letter and FAR-B flyers to all Beltsville Area Research Leaders thanking them for their membership or inviting them to become Associate Members of FAR-B and soliciting their assistance in getting members of their Labs to join.

Publicity - Hank Becker reminded those present of the December 19 deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter.

CFC - Lew Smith reported that he had completed a draft of the application for FAR-B's participation in the 2013 - 2014 CFC campaign.

